



Walter David Franklin

August 22, 1946 - October 25, 2018

Walter David Franklin of St. James, Missouri passed away on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at the University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri at the age of 72. Walter was born in Clarendon, Arkansas on August 22, 1946 to Henry and Lorraine (Steen) Pedroli.

Walter David Franklin was united in marriage to Nita DeGregorio on April 23, 1969, this union was joined with eight children. Walter loved living in St. James area. It was a wonderful place to raise children, go to church, fish, and raise a garden. He was a member of the First Baptist Church; he drove the bus to pick up children for Awana, and vacation Bible school; he really loved to fish and would head out to Meramec Springs every chance he could, he used to always go early to be there when the whistle blew, but later he had decided that a really good fisherman didn't have to be there that early, so he would go later on in the day and still catch his limit; his church family was always real happy when he had a good fishing day, because they knew that he was always kind enough to share; they would call to get on his "fish giving list" and soon he would not only deliver fresh fish to their door, but he had also taken the time to filet them. Walter and Nita always had a nice garden when they had the garden space, they were always happy to share the bounty of that harvest with family, friends, and neighbors. He drove a propane truck for Ferrell Gas for over 20 years. As he got to know his customers, he really watched out for them, especially the families that were mostly in the rural

areas that if flooding or winter weather was coming he would always remind them, that, if they needed help he would come in his four-wheel drive to get them out of the situation. He was a good Christian man and held firm to his values and beliefs that if someone needs something, and you can help, that is the proper thing to do. It is those same values and beliefs that he instilled in his children. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, and will be missed by all that knew and loved him. Walter David Franklin is survived by his wife, Nita Franklin, of the home; father, Henry Pedroli, of Arnold, MO; children, Henry Myers and wife Renai, of St. James, MO, Don Myers, of St. James, MO, John Myers and wife Dawn, of St. James, MO, Allen Myers and wife Jo, of Tacoma, WA, Robin Cooper, of Rolla, MO, David Shawn Franklin and wife Irasema, of Austin, TX, Denise Franklin, of St. Louis, MO, and Michael Franklin, of St. Louis, MO; sister, Shirley Moody, of FL, and Linda Norman and husband Carl, of Arnold, MO; 25 grandchild, 14 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Lorraine Pedroli; brothers, John, Russell, and Paulie Moody; daughter-in-law, Shelia Myers.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 2, 2018 at 2:00PM at the First Baptist Church in St. James, Missouri with Reverend Jerry Baumann officiating. Visitation will be held at the Church prior to the service from 1:00PM until service time. Memorials are suggested and appreciated the First Baptist Church Youth Group, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
St. James, MO

Service

NOV 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *A-1 Moving & Storage Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Walter David Franklin.*



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