



## Donald G. Gingerich

August 29, 1936 - December 28, 2020

### DON GINGERICH

Donald Gail Gingerich, 84, of Stover, Missouri, died Monday, December 28, 2020 at Capital Region Medical Center. He passed away peacefully with his family by his side. He was born August 29, 1936 in Kalona, Iowa, to Joe P and Lula (Stutzman) Gingerich.

On November 23, 1968, he was united in marriage to Ellen Beachy, daughter of the late Ray and Anna May (Miller) Beachy of Kalona, Iowa.

He served in the United States Army, in Korea, from 1955-1957, as an armored tank mechanic. He grew up farming with his dad raising turkeys and sheep. In 1987, he moved to Stover, Missouri where he, and his wife, raised game birds.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stover.

He enjoyed gardening and sharing his produce with the neighbors and friends. He loved growing flowers, fishing and hunting. He especially loved gospel singing, alongside his wife, at nursing homes around the area and in church. After retirement, he enjoyed camping and most recently wood working projects made with cedar.

In addition to his wife of fifty-two years, he is survived by daughters, Donetta and husband Doug Baker of Greeley, Colorado, Amy and husband Ben Roskilly of Decatur, Texas, Gina and husband Jimmy Nolting of Florence, Missouri, Tammy and husband Raymond Spencer of Indianola, Iowa, Tracy and husband Irving Garbison of Fulton, Missouri and Jenny and husband Doug Riggs of Gravois Mills, Missouri; sixteen grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven siblings and daughter, Robin Albert.

A celebration of life with full military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 1st,

at the Stover First Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions can be made to the family.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Events

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**MAY**   **Celebration of Life**   11:00AM

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Stover First Baptist Church

102 N. Cherry St., Stover, MO, US, 65078

# Comments

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“ The first time I met Don was when he and Ellen came down from Iowa in search of property here in Morgan County. (I was selling real estate at the time.) He really wanted acreage with a spring on it.....so he and I checked out property that was supposed to have a spring. I had absolutely no clue where the spring was located, but he and I were walking along the top of a ridge above a branch and I said "let's try going down here". Well, "here" was straight down...we were trying not to slide and fall down as it was such a steep incline (probably, as I recall, 50 foot to the branch), we were clinging to the side of the slope, grabbing onto sprouts and weeds.....as luck would have it, the spring was directly below us!!!! Don was sold. I'm certain God was with us on that adventure, as I mentioned earlier I had no idea where the spring was. Have bumped into he and Ellen over the years since.....such a pleasant couple. Glad we crossed paths here on earth. God Bless, Jo Warnke

**Jo Warnke** - December 30, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ Thank you for that Jo Warnke. My Dad loved it on that property.

**Tracy Garbison** - December 30, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ My condolences to the Gingerich family. Such a sad loss for all of us who knew and loved him, particularly for my sister- his wife, Ellen. Our hearts bleed for you.

My wife Connie and I have always admired Don and Ellen for their close, loving marriage and know of no other couples that were so blessed. Probably never will. We are all richer for having known him.

Lynn

**Lynn Beachy** - January 28 at 12:23 PM