



Joseph Alan Merriott

April 16, 1957 - December 8, 2025

Joseph 'Joe' Merriott, born April 16, 1957, in Kansas City, Missouri, passed away on December 8, 2025, surrounded by his family. Joe was a devoted husband, father, 'Papa', brother, and friend whose quiet strength, determination, and love for his family left a lasting mark on everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Beth; his daughters, Jessica Goodrich and her husband, Seth, and Breanna Tyger and her husband, Allen, whom he was immensely proud of; and his grandchildren, Emery, Hudson, and Essie, who brought him endless joy. He is also survived by his sister, Lorna Berkstresser, and brother, Matt Merriott. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, EJ and Dora (Calton) Merriott.

Joe loved the outdoors, whether bow hunting or simply soaking in nature. Incredibly handy, he could tackle any project, even if it was his first time trying. He held high standards for everything he did, from construction projects to grilling the perfect steak, which he could make better than any restaurant. His love language was teasing, and he could always make those he loved laugh. He faced life's hardships with remarkable strength and determination.

Above all, Joe loved Jesus and lived with unwavering faith. Even through the painful fight with cancer, he never gave up hope.

Joe treasured time with his family, whether around a table or in the everyday moments. His legacy of love, strength, humor, and determination will live on in all who were lucky enough to know him.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 13th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Dale Bentch officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in Newkirk Cemetery near Fortuna. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Newkirk Cemetery

35661 Maupin Road
Fortuna, MO 65034

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Steve-Peggi Sargent lit a candle in memory of Joseph Alan Merriott



Steve-Peggi Sargent - January 10 at 10:17 PM

CL

“ Chuck Lewis lit a candle in memory of Joseph Alan Merriott



Chuck Lewis - December 15, 2025 at 04:32 PM

CL

Beth, please know our family is thinking and praying for your family.

Chuck Lewis - December 15, 2025 at 04:35 PM

BS

“ Brenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Joseph Alan Merriott



Brenda Smith - December 12, 2025 at 11:16 AM

BS

Beth, may prayers and love comfort you and your family during this time of sadness.

Brenda Smith - December 12, 2025 at 11:19 AM

BB

“ *Becky Bullard lit a candle in memory of Joseph Alan Merriott*



Becky Bullard - December 11, 2025 at 09:28 AM

BB

Thoughts and prayers with you and your family. God will give you and yours the strength you will need in the coming days.

Becky Bullard - December 11, 2025 at 09:29 AM

BT

“ *May strength and love surround the family. Beth, I am so sorry for your loss.*



Beth Tankersley-Bankhead - December 11, 2025 at 08:32 AM

SJ

“ *Sara James lit a candle in memory of Joseph Alan Merriott*



Sara James - December 10, 2025 at 08:25 AM

SE

“ *Susan Emert lit a candle in memory of Joseph Alan Merriott*



Susan Emert - December 09, 2025 at 08:23 PM

SE

Sending prayers and support to Beth and family !

Susan Emert - December 09, 2025 at 08:25 PM

LD

“ *Linda Daniels lit a candle in memory of Joseph Alan Merriott*



Linda Daniels - December 09, 2025 at 07:42 PM