



Leo E. "Fritz" Embry

June 9, 1935 - January 13, 2021

Leo E. "Fritz" Embry, age 85, of Laurie, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. He was born June 9, 1935, in Tipton, Missouri, son of the late Talton and Nora (Wolfe) Embry.

On March 21, 1955, he was united in marriage to Doreen Anne Dunham, who preceded him in death on July 24, 1994. On December 28, 1996, he married Peggy L. (Barbour) Wilkinson, who preceded him in death on June 11, 2016.

Fritz was a mechanic in the United States Air Force serving in the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 in Sunrise Beach.

He worked as a journey lineman for over forty years for Co-Mo Electric. In 1959, he and Joe Broyles were instrumental in establishing Co-Mo in Sunrise Beach. He served as supervisor and as district manager before retiring in 1997.

Fritz had many hobbies including, horse, cattle and pig farming, showing horses, fishing and gardening. He also enjoyed restoring tractors and lawn mowers. He was very talented, playing many musical instruments including the harmonica, piano and guitar. Coming from a musical family where his mom and siblings all could read music and play instruments, he played by ear

never learning to read music. Fritz loved to play the piano. It brought him great joy to play and sing songs.

He is survived by his children, Mike (Patty) Embry of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, Cathy Charter (Greg Lux) of Laurie, Missouri, Tim (Terry) Embry of the state of California, Susan Emert of Laurie, Missouri, Pam (Steve) Willsie of Gravois Mills, Missouri and Phillip Wilkinson of Gravois Mills, Missouri; thirteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Margie Kuttenkuler and Ruth (Jim) Barbour all of Tipton, Missouri and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents and wives, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Dean Embry and Gene Embry and a son-in-law, Rob Emert.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 21st, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel. Social distancing and masks are suggested for those attending the visitation. A private family graveside service will be held in the Ozark Chapel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Ozark Chapel Cemetery

305 North Main Street
Gravois Mills, MO 65037

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel
417 Silvey Rd.
Laurie, MO 65038
(573) 374-7688

Tribute Wall

SR

“ Fritz and his New Year's Eve dances in the barn. Boy it was cold and snowy and he prepared his "ruckus" juice and had hay bales to sit around and had a great time. That was until I sat down and sat on a wasp. The warmth of the fire and so many attendees having a great time brought those little suckers out. He was so much fun and I feel bad that I did not know of his passing until recently. My sympathy goes out to all his family.

Sharon Robinson - February 19, 2021 at 08:49 AM

NC

“ Hello to my cousins. I just heard about Uncle Fritz today upon also hearing of Aunt Margie's passing. I am sorry to hear this and I pray you all have a peace that he is no longer in pain and is restored. I have fun memories of being around him when I was younger and him playing the piano! :-) With love, Nancy (Embry) Case

Nancy Embry Case - February 15, 2021 at 04:32 PM

SE

Thank you Nancy....

Susan Emert - April 18, 2021 at 09:41 AM

PM

“ Preston (Pepsi) Moore lit a candle in memory of Leo E. "Fritz" Embry



Preston (Pepsi) Moore - January 21, 2021 at 12:57 PM

PM

Fritz, Butch, and Ronnie,,what a trio!! RIP my friend..

Preston (Pepsi) Moore - January 21, 2021 at 12:59 PM

SE

Thanks for stopping by Pepsi !

Susan Emert - January 24, 2021 at 08:44 PM

DB

“ *Fritz Emery Mr. Co Mo, one of the pioneers that helped make the lake of the ozarks.* ”



Dave BAUMGARTNER - January 19, 2021 at 06:45 PM

SE

Thanks for coming Dave!

Susan Emert - January 24, 2021 at 08:45 PM

DH

“ *Sorry to hear about Fritz , we grew up in Tipton had lots of fun as kids* ”



Donald Skip Hoff - January 19, 2021 at 06:30 PM

KJ

“ Sad to here of Fritz's passing , always loved and remembered by his Canadian "family" .

Kevin and Lisa Johnston.

Kevin Johnston - January 19, 2021 at 06:15 PM

DO

“ Sending you all up in prayer, my condolences for your loss



Donna - January 19, 2021 at 02:36 PM

PD

“ Patricia Chamberlain And Gary Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of Leo E. "Fritz" Embry



Patricia Chamberlain and Gary Dunnaway - January 18, 2021 at 03:18 PM

SE

Thank you Trish

Susan Emert - January 24, 2021 at 08:47 PM

KL

“ Back in the summer of '82 we packed up a five year old and a two year old and moved to Laurie, Mo, my husband had got a job with Co-Mo Electric. We were thrilled, broke and scared to death. Joining the Co-Mo crew at Laurie was like joining family. The first week there our car we called PigPen because dust from rust holes would swirl about the inside when we road to our first home on 5-27, stalled on the Laurie Terrace Mall parking lot. An angel named Fritz Emory came and got us going on our way again. Fritz, an angel then and an angel now forever. Rest in Peace.

Karen Long - January 18, 2021 at 07:41 AM

SE

Thank you Karen for the kind words. He sure wax one of a kind!

Susan Emert - January 20, 2021 at 07:57 AM

BS

“ Brenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Leo E. "Fritz" Embry



Brenda Smith - January 16, 2021 at 07:20 PM

MG

“ Fritz was a fine example of a great neighbor. I am sorry for your heartache.
Marjorie Grossman

Marjorie Grossman - January 16, 2021 at 09:05 AM