



Lewis E. Strange

March 12, 1946 - August 11, 2025

Lewis Strange passed away Monday, August 11, 2025 at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach, Missouri. He was born March 12, 1946, to Gaylord and Lela Mae (Tompkins) Strange. He attended School of the Osage in Lake Ozark, Missouri.

He married Kay Curtis July 4, 1964, and they had two children, Tami and Rick.

He became a locomotive engineer for the Rock Island Railroad, a career he thoroughly enjoyed and often told stories about to his family and friends.

March 23, 1978, he married Karen Campbell of Versailles and their adventures began. They jeeped the mountains of Colorado, walked the beaches of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, ate Cajun seafood in New Orleans and lobbied the halls of Congress in Washington, D.C. He was a registered Lobbyist for MoFed and enjoyed politics and political campaigns.

Lewis was preceded in death by his parents, Gaylord and Lela Mae Strange, and his brother, James Nelson.

He is survived by his wife, Karen, of the home; daughter Tami (Ed) Tucker of Eldon, Missouri; son, Rick (Jill) Strange of Imperial, Missouri; grandchildren Samantha (J.W.) Schneider of Seattle, Washington, Kevin (Rachel) Tucker of

St. Louis, Missouri, Eric (Hanna) Tucker of Eldon, Missouri, Alison Strange and Natalie Strange of Imperial, Missouri; two great-grandchildren, Arlo Tucker and Leona Tucker of Eldon, Missouri; his little Shih Tzu, Kinzi along with many relatives and friends.

Lewis loved his family dearly and was so proud of the accomplishments of each child and grandchild. He enjoyed reading along with audible books, traveling, photography and women's pro basketball. He and his wife, Karen, owned Artpho Gallery in Osage Beach for 35 years where Lewis was well known for his photographs of the lake which are in collections throughout the nation.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 15th, at the First Christian Church in Versailles with Pastor Jeff Spielman officiating. Interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Friday, at the church. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church of Versailles.

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

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church of Versailles
1000 N. Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084

Service

AUG 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ Karen, Connie and I share in your loss. You are in our prayers! We remember well all the encouragement you gave us as Rob's and us stepped into the deep end of the pool and formed laFed. I could tell you two loved it and we gutted it out! our daughter Ruth and I well remember our time in DC with you. Thanks again for driving us country bumkins around... Don't know if our paths will cross again on this earth but hope to meet you all in Heaven. God be with you always! Joe and Connie Gerst

Joe Gerst - August 19, 2025 at 10:10 PM

MC

Karen just now heard of Lewis passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I remember how nice he was when we would see him at Granny Strange's. Hugs and prayers Melinda (Anderson) Cates

Melinda Cates - August 20, 2025 at 08:16 PM

KS

“ I loved Lewis and his father Gaylord both were wonderful people

karen strange - August 17, 2025 at 01:45 PM

KS

living in georgia

karen strange - August 17, 2025 at 01:46 PM

LH

“ Tom and I express sincere condolences, Karen, to you and your family. Leslie Holloway

Leslie Holloway - August 14, 2025 at 07:20 PM

JB

“ *John BRYAN lit a candle in memory of Lewis
E. Strange*



John BRYAN - August 14, 2025 at 08:23 AM