



Marty Callaghan

March 12, 1960 - July 3, 2017

Martin Earl Callaghan, age 57, died on Monday, July 3, 2017, on his farm near Versailles, Missouri. Marty was born on March 12, 1960, in Ottawa, Kansas, to William and Wilma (Keith) Callaghan. He attended school in Ottawa, Kansas and moved to Versailles in the early '70s, graduating from Versailles High School in 1978. He was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Becky Hunter, on July 2, 1978.

In the early years of their marriage, Marty and Becky raised produce and sold at the Farmers' Market in Kansas City. Marty was also working at Gates in Versailles at the time. The trucks used to transport plants also became utilized for delivering parts for Gates. A long-lasting hauling relationship developed, which expanded to eight semi-trucks, many employees and warehouse buildings that grew to total over 100,000 square feet. He was very proud of the employment opportunities the warehouse provided in the Versailles community. He also continued to utilize his farm working alongside his son, Jeremiah, hauling gravel locally and raising crops.

Marty was always busy – but his main focus in life was enjoying and loving his family and friends. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting and fishing. He enjoyed Colorado elk hunting trips each fall with his son and sons-in-law. Collecting and restoring old Chevy trucks (especially '67-'72) was a passion of his, and he had hoped to restore one for each of his grandkids' first

vehicle. More than anything else, he especially loved being Grandpa.

Marty is survived by his wife, Becky, of the home; children, Amanda Garrison and husband, Jeremy of Versailles, Jeremiah Callaghan of Versailles, Carolyn Handtke and husband, Jeremy of Linn Creek; adopted children, J'Marie Tindle of Arkansas, Michael Callaghan and wife Elise and family of Great Falls, Montana, Mahala Killeen and husband, Eric of River Ridge, Louisiana; grandchildren, Lauren Garrison, Parker Garrison, Rylee Callaghan, Kodie Callaghan, Weston Handtke, Berklee Handtke and Xantha Killeen; his mother, Wilma Straub and husband, Randy of Laurie; brothers, Pat Callaghan and wife, Debbie and Bill Callaghan and wife, Susan all of Ottawa, Kansas; sister, Kathy Sangster and husband, Sandy of Paris, Texas; several nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, William (Bill) Callaghan; brother, Danny; half-brother, William Michael (Mike), and a daughter-in-law, Krista Callaghan.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 10th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery near Versailles. The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Becky Callaghan and can be left at the funeral home.

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

Cemetery Details

Oak Grove Cemetery

Seals Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUL 10. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CK

“Marty and his family were our only neighbors across the creek. We couldn't have asked for better ones. I just found out he passed after calling Jeremiah this evening. I was so saddened. Marty was always so kind to my family. His dry sense of humor was priceless. I can remember being in awe, when he would throw a rock into the air and be able to hit it with another rock. He had the arm of a major leaguer. He was always kind and always willing to be of help if we ever needed it. He watched over our property and was one of the best guys I've ever known. A great friend, husband, father and grandfather. Morgan County lost a good man. My family will miss him. My deepest condolences to his wonderful family, who've been through so much. To his wife Becky, and his three children, I'm so sincerely sorry for this tragic loss of a wonderful life. May he rest in heaven eternally. I'm honored to have known him and to consider him my friend. RIP Marty, you will be forever missed.

Chris Kalna - July 29, 2017 at 11:12 PM

RT

*We totally agree. We were Marty's up creek neighbors up on Coffee Crick~~~. Great guy and more, as you so beautifully mentioned. Marty is truly missed. He was a great steward of the land,...and obviously a great family man.
His spirit was and is a great addition to that exquisite Valley. God bless him and his sacred family always. In truth and resonance, Sincerely,
Rich Tellman*

Richard Evers Tellman - September 26, 2020 at 08:42 PM

GM

“ *Becky so sorry to hear of your hubby, will be keeping you, and your family in our thoughts and prayers Geri May and Jesse Harper.*



Geri May - July 12, 2017 at 09:53 AM

SH

“ *We are so heartbroken for the Callaghan family. Becky and children and grandchildren you are all in our prayers. We just found out this morning. Dan and I were so blessed to know Marty. Love to you all. Dan and Sharon Hodgeman.*

Sharon Hodgeman - July 12, 2017 at 08:51 AM

MM

“ *My dearest Wilma, Randy, and all of Marty's family and friends....please know that our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. Our apologies for not making down, may God hold you in His arms, and comfort you during this trying time. He will bring you through it....Lots of love from KS....MaLinda Hood-Manis and family*



MaLinda Manis - July 11, 2017 at 01:21 AM

RD

“ *i was blessed to meet Marty and his son and son inlaws while hunting elk in Colorado. What a great man, he will be much missed and he will be remembered dearly in all future hunts.*



Roger Delanty - July 10, 2017 at 08:28 PM

RT

“ Although years often passed between the times that we got to see each other, we knew that you were always there beside us...nestled in a serene valley on the Gravois arm. You brought a sense of strength, security, and goodness to each of us who had the opportunity of knowing you. You will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Becky, his children, family and friends during this difficult time. If we can ever do anything to help any of you just let us know and we will be there. Your friends and neighbors on Coffee Creek Rd and the entire Fossilfields Discoveries Research Team, Rich and Valerie Tellman



Rich and Valerie Tellman - July 09, 2017 at 12:58 PM

MG

“ Malenda Gibson lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan



Malenda Gibson - July 09, 2017 at 10:51 AM

MG

Becky, Our prayers and sincerest sympathy go out to you and your family.

Malenda Gibson - July 09, 2017 at 10:57 AM

DL

“Marty has been a wonderful friend and neighbor for many years and will be greatly missed by all of us. I can remember riding the school bus with Marty and he was always had his big smile. I remember babysitting for Marty and Becky when the kids were all very young. Marty will be greatly missed. We send our love and prayers to the family.
Debbie Weinstein Lansford



Deborah Lansford - July 08, 2017 at 08:49 PM

RG

“Roger & Carol Gibson lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan



Roger & Carol Gibson - July 08, 2017 at 08:13 PM

SH

“Susan Hornberger lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan



Susan Hornberger - July 08, 2017 at 08:08 PM



“ Jerry Garber lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan



Jerry Garber - July 08, 2017 at 03:49 PM



“ Bryan McGruder lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan



Bryan McGruder - July 08, 2017 at 03:38 PM



“ Marty will be missed greatly by many. So many good times at the camp below, Bobbie and Marty being ornery on the gravel roads, or the times they hung out at the trucking company. Such a great guy!



Kerri Neal - July 08, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ Gary Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan



Gary Blackburn - July 08, 2017 at 11:23 AM

LA

“ *LarryCable lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



LarryCable - July 07, 2017 at 11:48 PM

TE

“ *Teresa Ensor lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Teresa Ensor - July 07, 2017 at 10:20 PM

MD

“ *Margi Downing lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Margi Downing - July 07, 2017 at 09:40 PM

NF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for Becky and all Marty's family and friends. Those of us on the mail route send our condolences.*



Norma Franklin - July 07, 2017 at 08:55 PM

BH

“ *Brandi Howard lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Brandi Howard - July 07, 2017 at 07:26 PM

RF

“ *Regina Farr lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Regina Farr - July 07, 2017 at 05:52 PM



“ *Prayer & Hugs to the family..love you all like family*



Rita Blackburn-Hunsaker - July 07, 2017 at 05:34 PM

VB

“ *VIRGINIA BURGESS lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



VIRGINIA BURGESS - July 07, 2017 at 04:01 PM

CE

“ *Carol Eidson lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Carol Eidson - July 07, 2017 at 03:53 PM

MB

“ *Melissa Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Melissa Blackburn - July 07, 2017 at 03:08 PM

DM

“ *Your Family is in our thoughts and prayers.
David and Debbie Mccollom*



debbie mccollom - July 07, 2017 at 02:53 PM

BH

“ *Betty Hees lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Betty Hees - July 07, 2017 at 02:07 PM

SH

“ Sue Hodges lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan



Sue Hodges - July 07, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ Amy Eidson McGrath lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan



Amy Eidson McGrath - July 07, 2017 at 09:57 AM



“ No words I can say can make it any easier for you Becky and your family. But please know you are in my heart and prayers. I am so thankful that I got to spend some time with you and Marty at our class picnic a few weeks back. Marty and I had such a good conversation together and for that I am so thankful. Marty has left such a big void in every ones heart but also wonderful memories to remember and sharing for many years to come. Becky if you need anything or just to talk some time PLEASE get a hold of me and Love to you and your family. Beverly (Hibdon) Gibson

Beverly Gibson - July 07, 2017 at 09:38 AM

AM

“ *Alix McWilliams lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Alix McWilliams - July 07, 2017 at 08:38 AM



“ *Tami Hill Cannon lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



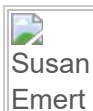
Tami Hill Cannon - July 07, 2017 at 08:15 AM



“ *Susan Emert lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Susan Emert - July 07, 2017 at 06:55 AM



Becky and family, sending you strength and prayers to help you through this difficult time...

Susan Emert - July 07, 2017 at 06:57 AM

LV

“ *Lockie Vernon lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Lockie Vernon - July 07, 2017 at 06:47 AM

SC

“ *Scott And Stephanie Campbell lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



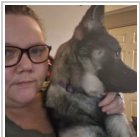
Scott and Stephanie Campbell - July 07, 2017 at 06:38 AM

DE

“ *My heart breaks for the family. They say God never gives you more than you can handle, but sometimes we find ourselves teetering on the edge.*



Delores Edgerton - July 06, 2017 at 11:38 PM



“ *Carrie Brock lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Carrie Brock - July 06, 2017 at 11:13 PM

MH

“ Marty always had a smile on his face every time I saw him. I loved watching his face light up whenever he was around his grandkids. Shaun remembers all of his stories and said he could sit around and talk to him forever. He will surely be missed.

marilyn howard - July 06, 2017 at 10:39 PM

 Marcy
Armstrong

“ From the day I met Marty and Becky, they welcomed my family in their home and life as if we were family. He was kind, funny and loving. The love he had for his family and friends and especially his grandchildren is admirable and warms my heart. I consider myself very fortunate to have had the pleasure of knowing him. My prayers go out to his entire family.



Marcy Armstrong - July 06, 2017 at 10:35 PM

MC

“ I loved singing along with my Uncle Marty and my love of Jim Croce is because of him! I can remember being just 9 or 10 years old and riding along with him up to Kansas City to sell at the farmers market and jamming to music the whole way! He loved picking on me and was more of a big brother to me than an uncle and was always there when I needed help. I will miss his smile that reached all the way to his eyes!! I will miss his awesome stories and his relentless teasing!! ❤️❤️

Michelle Cook - July 06, 2017 at 10:32 PM



“ *Natosha Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Natosha Lancaster - July 06, 2017 at 10:14 PM



“ *Jill Sutton lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Jill Sutton - July 06, 2017 at 10:10 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of your family's sad loss.my heart is heavy for you all my prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time .my dad bill patton was very very sorry to hear of your loss as he has lots of good memories of Marty .my God be extra close .our sincere condolences, penny Patton haile and bill and jo patton.*



Penny Patton - July 06, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ *Marty's smile was contagious. Prayers are with Becky and their family.*

Teresa Capps - July 06, 2017 at 07:06 PM

BH

Becky, so very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and the family. God bless and give you strength

Barbara Hendricks Harris - July 06, 2017 at 07:24 PM

NA

“ *Nancy lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Nancy - July 06, 2017 at 05:10 PM

NA

Marty was one in a million I worked with him at Gates and my Sam drove "Big Red" on weekly trips to Ohio after his retirement and could be found down on the creek hauling and digging around in the gravel with Marty. You will be missed my dear friend. Love and prayers to Becky and family.

Nancy - July 06, 2017 at 05:15 PM

TA

“ *Trish And Mark Anderson lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Trish and Mark Anderson - July 06, 2017 at 01:23 PM

Bettie
Bethea

“ *Bettie Bethea lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Bettie Bethea - July 06, 2017 at 10:14 AM

BG

“ *Marty you will be missed, your kindness and caring personality always made a difference in many lives.*



Brenda (Arment) Guerin - July 06, 2017 at 09:31 AM

Lura
Shafer

“ *Lura Shafer lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Lura Shafer - July 06, 2017 at 09:08 AM

LH

“ *Becky and family Our thoughts and prayers your way Lewis Hoover*



Lewis Hoover - July 05, 2017 at 09:35 PM



“ *Becky you and your family are in our prayers and thoughts. Marty was a very kind, joyful person. Always smiling .*



Debbie Mccollom - July 05, 2017 at 08:12 PM



“ *Vickie Campbell lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Vickie Campbell - July 05, 2017 at 07:55 PM



Prayers for all the family. Marty will be missed. I thought a lot of him.

Vickie Campbell - July 05, 2017 at 07:56 PM



May fond memories of Marty bring you comfort during this hard time in your life. Look back on all the good memories you were able to have and smile at the fact that you were able to share these before he passed away. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. Jane & Ron Napier & Christy Proctor and Clint Napier

Ronald Napier - July 07, 2017 at 11:30 AM



“ *Kim Davidson lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Kim Davidson - July 05, 2017 at 04:24 PM

CP

“ *Carmen Pace lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Carmen pace - July 05, 2017 at 03:43 PM

LF

“ *Laraine Forth lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Laraine Forth - July 05, 2017 at 03:30 PM

GD

“ *Gary And Judy Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Gary and Judy Dunnaway - July 05, 2017 at 03:11 PM



“ *I knew Marty and Becky through a business relationship. He was a straight shooter always kind and fair. He will be missed.*

Joy Lohmann



Joy Lohmann - July 05, 2017 at 03:02 PM

MJ

“ *Mattie James lit a candle in memory of Marty Callaghan*



Mattie James - July 05, 2017 at 12:58 PM

SR

“ *Marty always had time to visit with me. He was never too busy to share a story or talk trucks. I will miss him.*
Stan Roberts

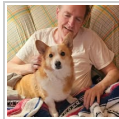
Stan Roberts - July 05, 2017 at 07:59 AM

RS

Only met Marty one time..got to crawl into his big truck that he drove..but all i heard about him was always good...his Mother Jeannie and Randy kept us informed on what he was doing our hearts and prayers go out to them and all the family and may God give them peace through this. the bible says. LIFE IS A VAPOR.... so very, very very short. i am sure Marty life is what God expected...God bless

Jim and Ruth Ann Saab

ruth ann saab - July 06, 2017 at 05:50 PM



I am sorry for the loss of your father, husband, son, brother, grandfather and the list could go on. I've known him since we were in our mid teens together and the only difference I have seen is his hair got grayer. He had the same smile and twinkling eyes that he always was seen with. In my memory of all the times we were together I don't remember him ever to be without the smile that started in his eyes and went down. I also never knew him to be anything but the most honest and straight shooting person, exactly like his Dad, who I also still miss..
Joseph Clark

Joe Clark - July 06, 2017 at 11:07 PM