



Melvin Dale Bayless

March 18, 1933 - June 7, 2023

Melvin Dale Bayless, 90, of Gravois Mills, Missouri, (formerly of Belton), passed peacefully of natural causes on June 7, 2023, at Lake Regional Health System, surrounded by family. He was born March 18, 1933, in Lafayette County, Missouri, to Roscoe and Gladys (Dalton) Bayless. He attended Farmers High School until it closed then graduated from Warrensburg High School, Class of 1951 and married his high school sweetheart, Doris Dallman. They celebrated 71 years of marriage in April. He always told everyone he was a “child bride.”

Melvin was a proud member of the IBEW for over 65 years. Most of those years, he worked as a lineman. He retired from Missouri Public Service (now Evergy) in 1993. He was a member of the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie, Missouri. He was also a patroller for the 135-3 Crime Watch. He was an exceptional athlete and enjoyed golf and woodworking in his retirement. His pen and pencil sets can be found all across the country. He loved the Lake of the Ozarks where he made his retirement home and where he taught all of the kids and many friends how to water ski. He loved a good party and a good joke. You couldn't find a better friend. Melvin could fix/repair anything and was generous with his time and talents.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his 3 brothers, Hubert, Harold and Joe Bill.

Surviving in addition to his beloved wife, Doris are his daughters, Kay Helland and her husband Jay, and Cindy Schnurbusch and her husband Kirk all of Lee's Summit, MO. Melvin thought of his sons-in-law as bonus sons. Also left behind are 5 grandchildren, Kara Helland, Abbey Helland (John Kelly), Ashley Traugher (Trent), Cody Schnurbusch (Renee) and Derek Schnurbusch; 3 great-grandsons, Tyler Helland, Max Traugher and Otto Schnurbusch; and many nieces and nephews, all of whom he cherished.

He was a member of the West Lake Christian Church in Laurie.

Per Melvin's wishes, there will be no formal services. Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles. Interment will be at a later date at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Warrensburg, MO.

Tribute Wall



“ *I am so sorry to hear,worked with Melvin thought alot of him and enjoyed him being a good friend* ”

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