



Melvyn McKeown

April 27, 1938 - October 31, 2022

Melvyn McKeown, age 84, of Sunrise Beach, passed away Monday, October 31, 2022, at Arrowhead Senior Living in Osage Beach. He was born April 27, 1938, in Fair Haven, Vermont, a son of the late Dennis William and Merla (Coates) McKeown.

On November 22, 1958, in San Diego, California, he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Harger, who preceded him in death on January 18, 2021.

Melvyn worked as a supervisor at Rohr for over thirty years until his retirement.

He was an active member of the West Lake Christian Church in Laurie, serving on the Church Growth Committee, he previously led Bible Study Groups, enjoyed working with the youth groups and he received recognition on July 1, 2020, as Elder Emeritus.

He enjoyed family gatherings, playing the guitar, dobro and singing. He also liked fishing, camping and golfing. He was passionate about helping others and making a difference in their lives. He was always the first to volunteer a helping hand.

He is survived by his daughter, Debra Lauerman of San Diego, California;

grandson, Michael Lauerman of San Diego, California and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Michael Leon McKeown and his siblings, Verna Perrin, Alberta "Sue" Garrow, Sylvia Hurlburt, Dennis McKeown Jr., Harold McKeown, Wayne Thompson and Bonita "Bonnie" Chrisman.

A celebration of Melvyn's life will be held at the West Lake Christian Church on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 2:00 pm. Memorial contributions are suggested to the West Lake Christian Church.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

West Lake Christian Church
936 Highway O
Laurie, MO 65037

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I didn't know Mel very long but his sparkling eyes and sense of humor drew people in. I sang with him in our church choir. Shared a table or two during fellowship lunches. He was quick to greet and welcome people each Sunday morning. I loved his spirit and devotion. Heaven gained a good man.

Bev Sundstrom - November 10, 2022 at 01:31 PM

CM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cheryl Molina - November 10, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes - November 09, 2022 at 05:07 PM

NJ

“ Mel is one of the kindest, uplifting people I have known. Rick and I were in his Sunday School Class. Then I worked on the Church Growth Comiittee with him . His sausage gravy and smile made each Christmas Workshop special. His one of a kind greeting cards made each event special. Miss you my friend. Sorry to be the hospital and have to miss your service. Love. Sympathy to daughter and family.

norma johnson - November 08, 2022 at 01:08 PM

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“ My Uncle Mel was the most loving and kind gentle man. He was there for his family and my Mother when we lost my Dad. My Mom was a mother to 4 kids when my Dad died unexpectedly and Uncle Mel stepped into the protector mode without even being asked. He was there for her and all of us kids at the drop of a hat and never once complained while still taking care of his own family. He never passed judgement on people and always lent a hand when needed. There will never be another like him... he truly was a one of kind type of man. We dearly loved him and will wait for the day when we are ALL reunited in heaven and can form our own “Angel Band”. We love you Uncle Mel and I hope you feel that love forever and a day.



Cheryl Molina - November 05, 2022 at 12:48 AM

SH

“ When you would ask Mel “How are you doing today?” His response was always *Fine and Dandy!* Mel was the kindest gentleman I have ever encountered.

Mel invited my husband and I to come to his church and i am forever grateful to him for helping me find my forever church home.

Our spouses passed away within 23 days of each other in 2021 and since that time we kept a lookout on each other checking to see if each other was ok or needed anything.

The four musketeers of the neighborhood (Mel, Bob, Bill and Steve) could be seen helping each other on they're projects and other neighbors in the area.

We had a total of 5 families (Mel, Bob, Holmes', Haase', and Clossick's) with golf carts and we could be seen on warm evenings terrorizing the neighborhood in our carts. We would pull off to the side of the ride and chat awhile then drive some more until dark.

My dear friend will always and forever be deeply missed.

Sherry Haase - November 05, 2022 at 12:19 AM