



Ronald Lee Hardin Sr.

October 28, 1947 - June 17, 2026

Ronald Lee Hardin, Sr., age 78, of Sunrise Beach, passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at Holy Cross Health in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida with family by his side. He was born October 28, 1947, in Kansas City, Missouri, a son of Ernest Taylor Hardin and Laura Belle James.

On January 4, 1969, in Melvern, Kansas, he was united in marriage to Carol Jean Brown, who preceded him on death on June 27, 2021. Together, Ron and Carol enjoyed 52 wonderful years of marriage and raised six children, who were the pride and joy of their lives.

Ron established his career with Union Pacific Railroad, serving as a clerk within his professional capacity. He was also a proud veteran of the United States Army. He retired to the Lake of the Ozarks in 2007 and enjoyed spending time with family and friends while giving of his time and energy to others.

He is survived by his children, Ronald Hardin, Jr. and wife Kim of Blue Rapids, Kansas, Christina Wecker and husband Greg of Springfield, Missouri, Michael Hardin and wife Mandy of Pleasant Hope, Missouri, Robert Hardin and wife Brandy of Springfield, Missouri, Thomas Hardin and wife Jessica of Washington, Missouri and Philip Hardin and wife Misty of Union, Missouri. He is also survived by his mother, Laura James of Springfield, Missouri and two

sisters, Linda Shelp of Forest River, California, and Stephanie Paro of Sunrise Beach, Missouri. He will be missed by many grandchildren.

In addition to his father, Ernie Hardin, Ron was preceded in death by his loving wife, Carol.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 25, 2026 at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel. Burial with full military honors will follow at Bethel Campground Cemetery in Edwards, Missouri. The family will receive friends from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of the donor's choice.

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

Cemetery Details

Bethel Campground Cemetery

37929 Bethel Ave.
Edwards, MO 65326

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUN 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



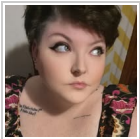
“ Remembering a great neighbor at the lake, you will be missed! Pat & Diana Garvey

Diana Garvey - 2 hours ago



“ So very sorry for your loss, Ron

Sandra Harding - 2 hours ago



“ One Christmas we played White Elephant as usual. I recieved a very viking looking cup with a dragon on it. Ron recieved the other one. After the event, Philip asked Ron if he could give him \$20 for the cup. Ron happily came over and gave it to me without accepting any cash from his son. I was so touched. That's the kind of man Ron was.

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