



Eugene Southards

August 8, 1953 - August 29, 2021

Farrell Eugene Southards was born on August 8, 1953 in Rolla, Missouri to Samuel Dee and Virginia (Berry) Southards. Eugene grew up in Salem and graduated from Salem High School with the class of 1971. He entered the United States Army on May 20, 1974 and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge.

Eugene was united in marriage to his sweetheart, Lori Ann Abt, on January 16, 2003 in Fulton, Missouri and together blessed with eighteen wonderful years of marriage. He was the proud father of three children: Melanie, Jimmy, and Harold Dee that he shared with Sherry Biggs. Once Eugene and Lori married, he gained three daughters: Amber, Michelle, and Sandra.

Eugene possessed an incredible work ethic that allowed him to provide for his family. He was a manager at Wal-Mart and enjoyed serving the community. Throughout the years, Eugene was employed with the road and bridge department as the lead operator road grader, he served as a police officer and deputy sheriff for a time and was an owner/operator truck driver.

Eugene liked to spend time outdoors fishing and hunting. His current passion was tinkering with his 1969 Volkswagen Bug. Eugene loved music and was the bass guitar player for the Ozark Country Band. They enjoyed their time together playing at The Barn and recently got back together after thirty years

and played at several local benefits.

Eugene and his family moved around frequently and no matter where they lived, they always ran into someone he knew. He was a family man and most important to him was spending time with his family, especially making memories with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Eugene departed this life on August 29, 2021 in Salem, Missouri at the age of sixty-eight years. He leaves behind to cherish his memories, loving wife Lori Southards of the home; children: Melanie Flett and husband Scott of Rolla, MO, Jimmy Southards and wife Tammy of Rolla, MO, and Harold Dee Southards of Salem, MO; step-children: Amber Hammack and husband David of Massachusetts, Michelle Nelson of Salem, MO, and Sandra Nelson and significant other Andrew Gundel of Seligman, MO; grandchildren: Jacob, Isaiah, Chelsea, Samuel, Christabel, Carter, Krista, Landon, Luke, Savannah, Aryssa, Ellie, Emma, and one on the way; great-grandchildren: Cass, Sutton, and Keziah on the way; great-aunts: Elnora Southards and Bonnie Berry; extended family and friends.

Preceding him in death, parents: Samuel Dee and Virginia Southards; infant brother: Howard Wayne Southards; and great-uncle: Martin Lee Southards.

Eugene leaves behind a wealth of friendships, and legacy of honor, respect, and love for family, home, and country. He will be forever missed.

Funeral Services for Farrell Eugene Southards were held Thursday, September 2, 2021 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Dennis Crocker officiating and David reading the obituary. Song selections played were "Neon Moon" and "See You Again". Serving as Pallbearers were Jacob Fisher, Isaiah Fisher, Jim Standfast, David Biele, Terry Berry, and Wayne Southards. Honorary Pallbearers were Leland Ellerman, Elva Gorman, and Kenny Star.

Military Honors was provided by the American Legion Post 99 and United States Army. Burial was in the Mt. Hermon Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Eugene Southards and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online Condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Hermon

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-5555
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Military Honors

SEP 2. 1:30 PM (CT)

Mount Hermon

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wilson Mortuary - September 02, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ 168 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wilson Mortuary - September 02, 2021 at 09:11 AM

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I am with you in spirit on this difficult day. Sending love and comfort.

Andrea Weathers - September 02, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eugene Southards.



September 01, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ Laury West purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Eugene Southards.



Laury West - September 01, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, Eugene has been a friend for many years. Lots of memories to reflect on. Prayers for your family. Mike and Michelle McWhorter

Michelle Murray McWhorter - August 31, 2021 at 10:34 PM



“ Travis, Alyssa, Thor & Ayla Flett purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eugene Southards.



Travis, Alyssa, Thor & Ayla Flett - August 31, 2021 at 11:49 AM

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“ Gene has to be one of the kindest nicest persons I have ever known. It is so sad to learn of his passing. May his family be comforted in knowing they will be with him again in Heaven.

Chester Reed - August 31, 2021 at 11:00 AM

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“ All of us. Cousins would meet in Salem at uncle Wilburs house. Meeting Eugene was always fun. I couldn't wait to visit. Those were some of my best memories. I love you Eugene. Till we meet again.

Dennis Dalton

Dennis Dalton - August 30, 2021 at 03:56 PM