



Kelzie Ardeen Wisdom

April 9, 1931 - November 3, 2020

Kelzie Ardeen Wisdom was born on April 9, 1931, in Boss, Missouri to Gurney and Lola May (Clements) Wisdom. He grew up on the family farm and attended school in a one-room schoolhouse near Boss, Missouri. Kelzie went to further his education obtaining his teaching degree. He entered the United States Marine Corps on April 2, 1952 and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge on March 19, 1954.

Kelzie was united in marriage to his sweetheart, Dormalee “Dot” Adams on April 16, 1953, in Salem, Missouri and together shared sixty-one years of memories before her passing on October 24, 2014. Kelzie and Dot were blessed with two daughters: Tonnie and Barbie; he was a devoted husband to Dot and a loving father to his daughters.

During his working career, Kelzie worked hard to provide for his family; he started as a teacher at Howes Mill, then moved to St. Louis and hauled cars. Kelzie laid asphalt for a time before moving back to Boss in the early '60s. He then started his business career by purchasing the Grocery Store and Gas Station in Boss. Kelzie ended his working years at Amax Mines, where he retired as a General Foreman after many dedicated years.

Kelzie has always been a farmer at heart and loved farming. He enjoyed getting out in the fields and spending time with his grandchildren at the pond

fishing. In his early years, Kelzie liked to quail hunt and go boating on the lake. He was an avid card player and golfer. Kelzie was a longtime member of the Spring Creek Golf and Country Club, American Legion Post 99, and served as an Alderman for the city of Salem. Most important to Kelzie was his family; he cherished the memories made with them, especially with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kelzie passed away on November 3, 2020, at Meadowbrook Residential Care in Pilot Knob, Missouri at the age of eighty-nine years. He leaves behind to cherish his memories his daughter: Tonnie Jackson and husband Charles of Pilot Knob, MO; brother: Vardell Ray Wisdom and wife Virginia of Boss, MO; grandchildren: Kellee Dement and husband Chris of Ironton, MO, Brad Jackson and wife Maggie of Pilot Knob, MO, Leslie Howard of Peoria, IL, and Natalie Sellers and husband Alex of St. Louis, MO; great-grandchildren: Karson Dement, Jackson Dement, Connor Jackson, Kate Jackson, Oliver Sellers, and Claire Sellers; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Preceding him in death, his wife: Dormalee "Dot" Wisdom; daughter: Barbara "Barbie" Jean Howard; and parents: Gurney and Lola Wisdom.

Kelzie was one of a kind and a friend to everyone. He leaves behind a legacy that is filled with special stories of love and devotion that he had for his family and friends.

Graveside Services for Kelzie Ardeen Wisdom were held Friday, November 06, 2020 in the Boss Cemetery with Pastors Heath Garrison and John Canterbury officiating. Song selections played were "Lead Me Home", "Sweet By and By", and "My Way". Serving as Pallbearers were Brad Jackson, Alex Sellers, Jackson Dement, Vince Wisdom, Teel Wisdom, and Kaden Garrison. Honorary Pallbearers were Chris Dement and Connor Jackson. Military

Honors was provided by the American Legion Post 99 and United States Marine Corps. The Family was served by Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Kelzie Ardeen Wisdom to the Boss Cemetery Fund and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online condolences may be entered at wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Boss Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 11:00 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/>

Graveside Service

NOV 6. 1:00 PM.

Boss Cemetery

Military Honors

NOV 6. 1:30 PM.

Boss Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ 11 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wilson Mortuary - November 06, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ *Sympathy for all of Kelzie's family.*

Cleo & Jan Shaw



Jan Shaw - November 05, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wilson Mortuary - November 05, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ We always enjoyed playing golf with Kelzie and Dot for several years. Miss them and will continue too.
Rick & Sandy Day

Rick & Sandy Day - November 05, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ Your *Light Shines* was purchased for the family of *Kelzie Ardeen Wisdom*.



November 05, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kelzie Ardeen Wisdom.*



November 05, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ *Tonnie, Leslie and Nat,
So sorry for all of you and your families. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. May God be with each of you.*

We have great memories of Kelzie and Dot.

We cannot attend as I am high risk for COVID.

Roger and Debbie Gray

Debbie - November 05, 2020 at 09:28 AM