



## Monty Ray Kitchen

August 24, 1952 - March 13, 2025

Monty Ray Kitchen was born on August 24, 1952, in Rolla, Missouri, to Robert James and Hazel (Clements) Kitchen. His early years were spent in Anutt, Missouri, before his family moved to Farmer City, Illinois. They later returned to Anutt where he graduated from Rolla High School in 1970.

Monty then embarked on a remarkable career at Salem Memorial District Hospital, beginning in 1971 and retiring in the spring of 2018. During his nearly 50-year tenure, he served in various roles, including Material Management, IT, and ultimately as the Environmental Services Director. He was the hospital's longest-serving employee, a testament to his commitment and dedication.

Monty was blessed with one son: Nathan, whom he was immensely proud of and celebrated every accomplishment with. He was a devoted husband to Yvonne Marie (Lehr) Prince, whom he married on January 1, 2015, in Herman, Missouri, and to this union gained two children. His family was most important to him, and he treasured spending time and making memories with them.

Beyond his professional achievements, Monty possessed a remarkable talent and passion for classic cars and tractors. His 1969 Camaro, a lifelong dream, was a particular source of pride, as was restoring the tractor from his

childhood. His meticulous attention to detail was evident in his pristine vehicles, and he thoroughly enjoyed spending time in his own wash bay. In addition to his car and tractor passion, Monty also owned and operated Prestige Golf for some time simultaneously while working at the hospital. He also found immense joy in traveling, with Sint Maarten being a favorite vacation destination.

Monty had made his profession of faith in Christ in his younger years and was raised in the Baptist Faith. He attended Salem Lutheran Church, alongside his wife. His commitment to his faith was evident in the way he lived, with integrity, compassion, and service to others.

Monty entered eternal rest March 13, 2025, in the Salem Memorial District Hospital surrounded by his loving family at the age of seventy-two years. He is survived by his loving wife: Dr. Yvonne Prince of Salem, MO; children: Nathan Kitchen and wife Kylie of Sullivan, MO, Crystal Brand and husband Scott of Peculiar, MO, and Madeline Prince and fiancé Maria of Chicago, IL; grandson: Theodore Brand; special niece: Ashley Hubert and significant other Nick; furbaby: Breezy; furgrandbaby: Roxie; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Robert and Dorothy Kitchen and Hazel and Al Krul; his sister, Patricia Kay Hubert; and his special nephew, Greg Peters. Monty's love extended to his furbabies: Brittany, Brandy, Shaggy, and Freddie, who also preceded him in death.

Monty lived a life marked by dedication, hard work, and a deep love for his family and community. His intelligence, kindness, and fun-loving spirit touched the lives of those around him leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Funeral Services for Monty Ray Kitchen were held Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor David Kettner officiating and Dennis Pryor sharing the eulogy. Song selections played were "Knowing What I Know About Heaven" and "Because He Lives". Serving as Pallbearers were Brad Blankenship, Roger Light, Gary Clark, Terry Brink, Mike Slone, and Bryan Wisdom. Honorary Pallbearers were Bob Pekarek, Steve Watson, Steve Schroeder, and Gene Shaw. Burial was in the Anutt Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Monty Kitchen to the Salem Animal Shelter, St. Jude Children's Hospital, or Shriners Children's Hospital and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Online Condolences may be left at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Anutt Cemetery

Anutt, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 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

MAR 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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**Wilson Mortuary** - March 20, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ My prayers go out to Monty's family and friends. Monty was a friend that you always knew you could count on. He helped in genuine need without question. And, he always had the coolest car in the neighborhood too. Gods speed Monty.

*Jerry Lewis*

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**Jerry Lewis** - March 19, 2025 at 06:25 PM



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**Wilson Mortuary** - March 19, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ We have lost a smile in this world. But Heaven has gained one! You and yours are in our prayers!

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**PAUL C DALE** - March 19, 2025 at 01:28 PM



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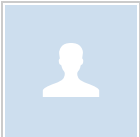
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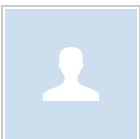
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“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Monty Ray Kitchen*.



March 18, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Monty Ray Kitchen*.

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“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Monty Ray Kitchen.*



March 18, 2025 at 09:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Monty Ray Kitchen.

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“ *Rest in pease Monte*

**Dennis Bullock** - March 18, 2025 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rest in piece Monty 🙏  
Deepest sympathy and prayers to your family and loved ones.  
Very Sincerely, Bill Burris*

**Bill Burris** - March 15, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ *Love, Mike and Cathy Fiaoni purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Monty Ray Kitchen.*



**Love, Mike and Cathy Fiaoni** - March 15, 2025 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Kunas family purchased the Simply Elegant Spat  
hiphyllum for the family of Monty Ray Kitchen.*



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**Kunas family** - March 15, 2025 at 12:12 AM

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“ *Stephen and Karen Schroeder purchased the Be  
autiful in Blue for the family of Monty Ray  
Kitchen.*



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**Stephen and Karen Schroeder** - March 14, 2025 at 11:46 PM