



Paul "Tooter" Floyd Pryor

November 2, 1925 - March 5, 2020

Paul "Tooter" Floyd Pryor was born November 2, 1925 in Boss, Missouri to James Solomon and Zola (Davis) Pryor and passed away March 5, 2020, at Salem Memorial District Hospital at the age of ninety-four years.

Tooter grew up in Boss and at the age of twenty, he entered the United States Army where he served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge in 1946. On August 6, 1948, Tooter was united in marriage to the love of his life Wanda Woolf in Salem, Arkansas and together they shared sixty-eight wonderful years of marriage and were blessed with three children: Denny, Tina, and Michelle.

Tooter worked hard to provide for his family. During his working years, he was employed with Caterpillar Inc. in Peoria, Illinois and with Salem R-80 as a bus driver. He was the proud owner of the Boss General Store for several years and enjoyed getting to know the families he encountered. Most important, Tooter was the Pastor for Boss Assembly Church for thirty-years. He deeply cared for his congregation and truly enjoyed his time there ministering to the community. Tooter devoted himself to teaching the gospel, fellowship, prayer, discipleship, and helping those in need, whenever, however, and wherever such need arose. Doing so was his life's privilege, mission, and joy.

In his spare time, Tooter enjoyed coon hunting and fishing with Wanda. He

loved to travel with the camper and frequently visited areas of Texas, Colorado, and enjoyed time at the Smokey Mountains. Tooter was often found at McDonalds with his coffee buddies, and was known as a professional people watcher. Tooter cherished the time spent with his family, especially with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom he was very proud of.

Tooter leaves behind to cherish his memory, three children: Denny Pryor and wife Connie of Salem, MO, Tina Whitaker and husband Ryan of Salem, MO, and Michelle Pyatt and husband Jerry of Eureka, MO; six grandchildren: Stuart Pryor and wife Amber, Craig Pryor and wife Rena, Drew Whitaker and wife Shonda, Lance Whitaker and Shannon, Jared Pyatt and wife Amy, and Nick Pyatt and wife Lindsey; twelve great-grandchildren: Annabelle, Caroline, Luke, Jack, and Olivia Pryor, Mackenzie, Bayleigh, and Penelope Whitaker, Tyson, Finley, Owen, and Avery Pyatt; one sister: Berniece "Sis" Miner and husband James; and a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Preceding him in death were his loving wife, Wanda (Woolf) Pryor; granddaughter: Jessica Whitaker; parents: James and Zola Pryor; and his brother: Lloyd and wife Dovie.

Tooter was a wonderful man, Pastor, and friend. He will be remembered as a loving husband, amazing father, caring grandfather and great-grandfather.

Funeral Service for Paul "Tooter" Floyd Pryor was held Sunday, March 8, 2020 at Boss Assembly of God Church. Jim Pryor led the congregation in singing "In the City Where the Lamb is the Light" and Rev. Eddie "Ed" Hawkins shared a eulogy as well as read the obituary. A tribute to his grandfather was given by Grandson Jared Pyatt. Dennis Skiles sang "What A Lovely Name", Larry Woolf sang a special song, and Rev. Elvie Hedrick and Jay Hedrick spoke of Tooter. The Major Family sang "Oh – Where Could I Go" and the Assembly of

God presented the Christian Flag to the Family. Rev. Paul Davis shared a wonderful message followed by Mark Mathes singing "The Pearly Gates". Serving as Pallbearers were Stuart Pryor, Craig Pryor, Drew Whitaker, Kenny Pryor, Jared Pyatt, and Nick Pyatt. Honorary Pallbearers were Lance Whitaker and Tim Miner. Burial with Military Honors was in the Boss Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Boss Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

MAR 8. 2:00 PM.

Boss Assembly of God Church
Boss, MO

Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences to the Family of Mr. 'Tooter' Pryor. I just read on the internet this evening 'Tooter's' obituary. I recall extremely well of my Aunt Betty Wooliver talking fondly of her school bus driver while she lived in Howes Mill with her parents Avis and Ora Wooliver. Many a kid in the country had long rides with Tooter in the school bus along with all the other kids on many of the country gravel roads picking up everyone 🤔.*

As many were saying Goodbye to you, we know you were also saying "Hello Again" to all your family and friends who went on before you.

Tooter, your memory will live on for a long time in Dent County 🍂.

Pat Freukes

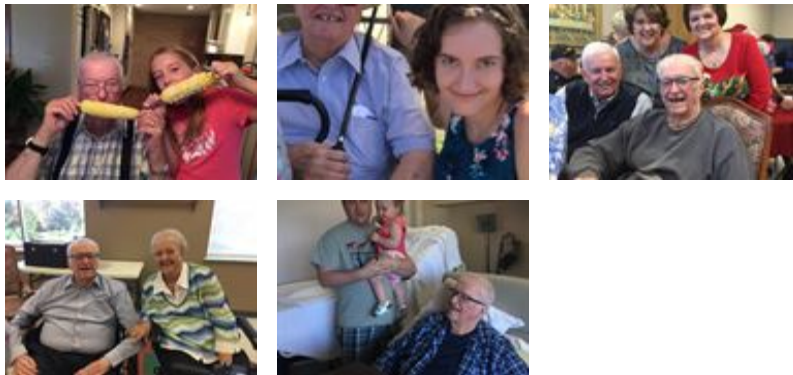
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(from the Warfel-Wooliver Family)

Patricia Freukes - November 02, 2020 at 08:57 PM



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Lance
Whitaker

“ There aren't enough words... Everybody loved "Tooter" and "Grandpa" Pryor! He will be missed.

Lance Whitaker - March 08, 2020 at 03:04 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. A great Pastor, father, and family man has left this earth and will be laughing and telling stories to God. I remember him to always have a smile on his face every school day morning at 6:30 a.m. and also coming home. To this day I still can hear his laugh and see his smile. He was very important in my life helping me thru some tough times. Our prayers are with you.

Joe Carson and Sharon Peterek Carson

Sharon Carson - March 08, 2020 at 12:10 PM



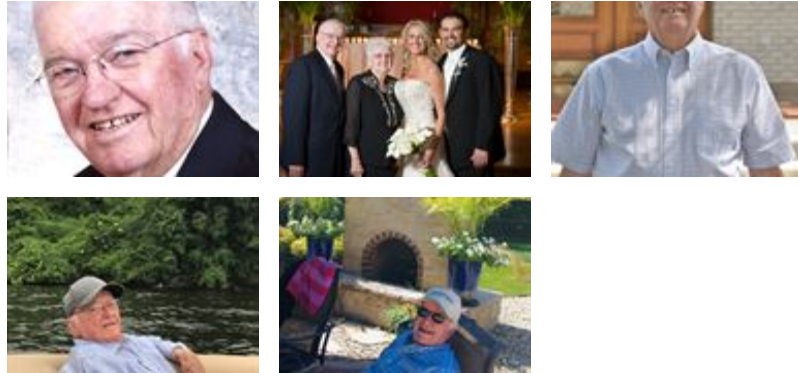
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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Paul "Tooter" Floyd Pryor.



March 07, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ *Tooter has reached his final destination Heaven. Now he is in the Presence of our Lord and Savior worshipping Jesus Christ. May God give Peace and Comfort to the family through this time.*
Ron and Beth Light

Ronald Light - March 06, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Paul "Tooter" Floyd Pryor.*



March 06, 2020 at 08:34 PM