



## Richard Lee Short

May 24, 1940 - August 29, 2021

Richard Lee Short was born on May 24, 1940 in North Vernon, Indiana to Henry Allen and Julia Marlow (Cruz) Short. He grew up and attended school in the St. Louis, Missouri area. After high school, Richard furthered his education and started his working career as an electrician.

Richard was united in marriage to the love of his life, Jean Hammett, on April 6, 1961 in St. Louis, Missouri and together blessed with forty-three years of marriage before her passing in 2004. Richard and Jean were blessed with five children: Angela, Mike, Sherri, Steve, and Karlae.

In his early working years, Richard began working as for AMAX. He was a hard worker and worked hard to provide for his family. He went on to Ford Motor Company, retiring at age sixty-seven in 2007 after twenty years of dedicated service.

Richard enjoyed working with his hands and woodworking, he was very talented and took pride in his work. Over the years he has made several porch swings, cradles, and a roll top desk for his family. Richard was a natural tinker and enjoyed tinkering on old cars. His philosophy was, "if he couldn't fix it, it couldn't be fixed." Richard was active in the community and loved helping others.

Richard was a family man and truly treasured spending time making memories with his family, especially with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also cherished time spent with his life partner, Doris Whitlock, they did everything together and truly enjoyed each other's company.

Richard passed away on August 29, 2021 in Godfrey, Illinois at the age of eighty-one years. He leaves behind to cherish his memories, life partner: Doris Whitlock of Godfrey, Illinois; children: Angela Hall and husband Earl Jr. of Salem, MO, Mike Short of Salem, MO, Sherri McKeon and husband Tim of Locke, NY, Steve Short and Sarah Sullins of Salem, MO, Karlae Callahan and husband Terry of Edgar Springs, MO, Andy Whitlock of Godfrey, IL, and Mandy Whitlock and Nick Cox of Dow, IL; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; extended family and dear friends.

Preceding him in death, loving wife: Jean Short; parents: Henry and Julia Short; and one brother: George Smith.

Richard was a loving and caring man who will be forever missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral Services for Richard Lee Short were held Friday, September 3, 2021 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Chris Hendrix officiating. Serving as Pallbearers were Earl Hall III, Anthony Short, Matthew Short, Tim Callahan, Daniel Short, and Andy Whitlock. Honorary Pallbearers were Gavin McKeon, Jon McKeon, Aaron Callahan, Mike Short, and Steve Short. Burial was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Richard Short and left at Wilson Mortuary.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 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 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

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**Amy Hall** - September 03, 2021 at 07:11 PM



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**Wilson Mortuary** - September 02, 2021 at 05:49 PM

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“ *Angela. We are so sorry to hear about your father. Our prayers are with you all.*

*Charlie and Tammy Bennett*

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**Tammy** - September 01, 2021 at 01:42 PM

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**Karlae Callahan** - September 01, 2021 at 12:12 PM

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*We'll miss you Richard,*

*Leah and Dave Brunkow*

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**David and Leah Brunkow** - September 03, 2021 at 08:49 AM