



Floyd Nichols (Nick) Houchins

June 6, 1934 - January 29, 2016

Floyd Nichols (Nick) Houchins, 81 of Frankford passed away Friday January 29, 2016 at the St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11:00 A. M. at the First Christian Church in Frankford with Rev. Gail Aurand officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery in Frankford. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 4 pm to 7 pm at the First Christian Church in Frankford.

Floyd was born on June 6, 1934 in Hannibal, the son of Lee Edward and Susan Foutes Houchins. He married his childhood sweetheart Catherine Ann Brown on June 17, 1956 in Frankford and enjoyed 59 years of marriage.

Other survivors include a daughter Suszanne (Ed) Hollinrake of Albia, Iowa, son Steve (Kathy) Houchins of Frankford, daughter-in-law Nickie Houchins of Frankford; grandchildren Catherine, Caylene and Nicholas Hollinrake, Clayton Caldwell, Mallory and Renee Houchins, Jolynn Houchins, Rhonda (Reg) Givens, and Scott Hipes; great grandchildren Avery Houchins, Caden Caldwell and Zella Wilkens; sister Margaret (Calvin) Brown and sister-in-law Evie Houchins of Frankford; special-in-laws Tom and Mary Catherine Brown, Judy Marshall and Joe and Lorraine Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Samuel Lee Houchins and brother Dale Houchins.

After growing up in Frankford, he graduated from the Frankford High School in 1952. He served in the U.S. Army for two years. He worked for the Missouri State Highway Department as a senior construction inspector, retiring in 2000 after 45 years with MoDot.

Floyd was well known for his mechanical ability. He was the lead architect for the creation of the mechanical sled used in the Frankford Tractor Pulls.

Floyd's inventiveness led to numerous pieces of production equipment used during his time at the State Highway Department. Because of his mechanical ability, all five members of his family had restored '66 Mustangs. Floyd loved a parade. His creations varied from costumes to rides. He enjoyed spending time with his nephews and nieces. For over three generations, his haunted hayrides and bonfires in the woods have entertained. The hayrides evolved into the "Haunted Apartments on Main Street", a free Halloween attraction. He was also proud of his ability to complete Sudoku puzzles in ink. He was a lifelong member of the Frankford I.O.O.F. Lodge #457. Floyd especially enjoyed many years as a member of the Christian Crusaders Sunday School Class and their numerous adventures.

Pallbearers(grandchildren) will be Rhonda Givens, Catherine, Caylene and Nicholas Hollinrake, Clayton Caldwell, Mallory and Renee Houchins. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Christian Crusaders of the First Christian Church.

Memorials may be made to the Pike County Home Health and Hospice or the First Christian Church of Frankford.

Cemetery Details

Fairview-Frankford Cemetery

Frankford, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Frankford First Christian Church
Frankford, MO 63441

Funeral

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Frankford First Christian Church
Frankford, MO 63441

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Floyd Nichols (Nick) Houchins.*



January 31, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I worked in Frankford in the Construction office for about a year before he retired. He was always good to me and taught me a lot in that short time.*



cindy martin - January 31, 2016 at 02:48 PM



So sorry for the loss, I knew him all my life, very nice and sweet man..My heart goes to the family..

Becky (Rollf) Boyer - January 31, 2016 at 03:03 PM



Sorry to hear of your loss, a very great man. Sending thoughts and prayers to all family members.

Delbert Schindler - January 31, 2016 at 05:57 PM



He was always so creative and enthusiastically embracing each project for the grandchildren. Was always so up and positive to be around. So very sorry for your loss. May God wrap you in his arms and give you peace and comfort beyond all of our understanding. Hugs and love to the family.

jay posey - January 31, 2016 at 07:42 PM

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Floyd was such a nice man, I enjoyed knowing him while teaching at Frankford. He loved his grandkids, many of which I taught and I enjoyed seeing him at school for various activities as well as just seeing him around Frankford. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family!!

Debbie Ireland - February 02, 2016 at 12:39 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Floyd Nichols (Nick) Houchins.*



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