



Gordon Richard Shepherd

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After a long illness Gordon Richard Shepherd, age 76, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 19 at Tri-County Nursing Home in Vandalia. He was born on July 16, 1937 to Willard R. and L. Katherine (Florence) Shepherd in New Hartford, MO. His childhood and early adulthood was spent working the Shepherd family farm alongside his grandfather Murray and great uncle Orey. In 1962, he was drafted into the US Army where he served proudly as a mechanic at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, CO. Upon returning to his home, Gordon was employed at Harbison-Walker Refractory in Vandalia, at Ogden Fuel Station in Bowling Green, and as a heavy machinery operator on the bluffs of the Salt River during the construction of the Clarence Canon Dam. An avid motorcycle rider and local horseshoe throwing legend (at least in his own mind) Gordon was the former owner of Shepherd's Service a local wheel alignment and auto repair business that he began with his brother Melvin and operated for over 40 years in several Bowling Green locations. Gordon was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Melvin Shepherd, and one son Corey Shepherd. Survivors include two sons, Alex Jackson of Minneapolis, MN; Paul Shelton (Kelly), Wentzville, MO; five daughters, Deneen (Nina) Shepherd and Karma Niemeyer both of Bowling Green, Brittany Shepherd of Columbia, MO; Roma Milton (David) of Minneapolis, MN; Debra Ridley, Denver, CO; two sisters Dorothy Diann Moffet of Columbus, GA, and Pamela Smith (Larry) of Columbia MO; five brothers Gilbert Shepherd (Shirley) of Quincy IL; Milford Shepherd of Harrisburg, MO; Will Shepherd

(Mary) of Columbia, MO; Gregory Shepherd (Debbie) of Fulton, MO; and Mark Shepherd (Sharon) of Wall Kill, NY; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. At Gordon's request no funeral services have been scheduled. However, family and friends will be invited to a celebration of his life later in the spring.