



Robert Ray Florence

January 27, 1947 - December 26, 2016

Robert Ray Florence, age 69, of Bowling Green passed away December 26, 2016 at the Willow Care Center in Hannibal.

Funeral services will be held 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with Rev. Charlie Wright officiating. Military rites will be performed by the VFW Post #5553 and the Missouri Military Honors. Burial will be in the Curryville Cemetery. Visitation will be held 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Robert was born January 27, 1947 the son of Raymond and Hazel B. Shepherd Florence in Louisiana. Survivors include his father of Galesburg, IL; girlfriend Beverly Thomas; son Robert Coleman of Galesburg, IL; three daughters Latoya Florence of Bowling Green, Anja Jones of Davenport, IA, and Rae McCane of Hannibal; eight grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; sister Bonnie Dickerson of Galesburg; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother Hazel and two grandchildren.

Robert grew up in Bowling Green and lived in Bowling Green most of his life, living a short time in Canton and Iowa. Robert served in the United States Marine Corp. during the Vietnam War, receiving a purple heart. He was a member of the Arthur Florence Masonic Lodge #184 in Bowling Green,

worked at Hercules as a filter plant operator, was a corrections officer in the food service area at N.E.C.C. and enjoyed fishing, playing cards, motorcycle riding and pitching horseshoes.

Serving as pallbearers will be Donnie Hendricks, Harold Hendricks, Thamous Dickerson, Aaron Mayfield, Larry Madison and Roy McQuay. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Gary Bell, Leonard Bragg, Matthew Hunter Jr., Clarence Frasier and Lewis Grimmet Jr.

Memorials may be made to the Donor's Choice.

Cemetery Details

Curryville Cemetery

Curryville, MO 63339

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *James and Missy (Shepherd) Hill -To Bonnie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*



Caffie Hill (Missy) - December 31, 2016 at 09:26 PM

JS

“ *James & Angela Steele - Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences are with the family during this time of your loss.*

James & Angela Steele - December 31, 2016 at 01:06 PM



“ *Rest in heaven bobby you was a great man*



Jessica Anderson - December 29, 2016 at 08:17 PM

ES

“ *Sorry to hear of Roberts passing, I worked with him at NECC very nice man. He will be missed your family is in our thoughts & prayers. May God bless.*



Eugene Sparks - December 29, 2016 at 03:23 PM

FC

“ *Forrest Campbell lit a candle in memory of Robert Ray Florence*



Forrest Campbell - December 29, 2016 at 02:56 PM

RS

“ *Robin Shepherd-Miles lit a candle in memory of Robert Ray Florence*



Robin Shepherd-Miles - December 29, 2016 at 02:40 PM

MB

“ *Bob was a great guy he will be missed .*

Mark Bair - December 29, 2016 at 09:51 AM

RF

“ *Rita Fisher lit a candle in memory of Robert Ray Florence*



Rita Fisher - December 29, 2016 at 04:00 AM



“ *Summer Freeman lit a candle in memory of Robert Ray Florence*



Summer Freeman - December 29, 2016 at 03:43 AM



“ *Margot Shelton lit a candle in memory of Robert Ray Florence*



Margot Shelton - December 28, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ *Christi Mcpike lit a candle in memory of Robert Ray Florence*



Christi Mcpike - December 28, 2016 at 04:34 PM



“ *God has received another angel to join the rest of our family of angels watching over us in heaven. My love goes out to our family at this difficult time. I have some great memories of Bobby Ray and he will be missed by all. Love Tracy*

Tracy Davis Anderson - December 28, 2016 at 03:04 PM

DS

“ *Deb Skirvin lit a candle in memory of Robert Ray Florence*



Deb Skirvin - December 28, 2016 at 11:23 AM