



Richard Eugene Lea

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MINDENMINES, MO - Richard Eugene Lea, July 1, 1945- May 12, 2017.

Richard was born July 1, 1945 in Pittsburg, KS to Ralph and Lucille Lea. He joined the Air Force when he was 17 where he worked on the planes in during the Vietnam War.

Richard worked in construction, the oil fields in Texas, as a truck driver, but was best known working for the school system as a custodian. He worked at Heath School system in Paducah, Kentucky for several years and for Pittsburg Middle School in Pittsburg, Kansas before retiring.

Richard married the love of his life Carolyn Walters May 23, 1969 they got to enjoy 35 years before Carolyn passed away in October 2004. Although they did not have any children they mentored several as their own.

Richard enjoyed hunting, fishing, and driving the back roads and visiting friends with his nephew Allen Stevens.

Richard was an advocate for the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Survivors include; his sister Debbie Williams and husband Claude Williams, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and of the home his beloved fur baby Cocoa. Richard was preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Lucille Lea, his sisters; Mary Catherine Stevens and husband David Lloyd Stevens, Wanda Redd and husband Elmer Redd, Thelma Barton and husband Eugene Barton, and Carol "Pinky" Briggs.

Arrangements by the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory, 522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS 66762. Condolences for the family may be left at our web site www.bathnaylor.com.

Comments



“ My Uncle Richard was more like a father to me instead of an uncle. We either lived with him or near him from the time I was born in 1976 until around 2003 or 2004. For over 28 years of my life, he was just around the corner or a step out the door away. He was forced to move back to Kansas to have more help with My Aunt Carolyn who was very sick & getting worse. My Aunt Carolyn & him moved every time we did. He followed us from Missouri, Texas, Illinois & Kentucky. He taught me so much. From how to ride a bicycle, how to fish, how to milk a cow, how to work on just about everthing! He could fix anything. He taught me how to read, helped me with my homework & taught me how to do crosswords. He was there when I graduated, when I got married & when my daughter, Madilyn was born. They loved each other just as much. She wanted to see him everyday. I love him more than can be imagined. He is & will always be my hero.

Jennifer Bennett Shoulta - May 16, 2017 at 10:48 AM