

Larry L. Kuhn

Larry Kuhn, age 79, of Lamar, Missouri passed away at his home Saturday, September 30, 2017.

Larry was born May 23, 1938 in Lamar to Lloyd William and Katherine Aurora (Dowell) Kuhn. After graduating Lamar High School in 1956, he moved to Springfield and attended Drury College and SMSU, where he graduated with two master's degrees in psychology and sociology. On June 2, 1962 he married Mary Fesperman, the love of his life, in Bokoshe, Oklahoma.

Larry worked at St John's Hospital Psych Ward during college and then for the Federal Government and Springfield Housing Authority. In 1975, he and Mary moved back to the family's Century Farm, started in 1902. The farm was where his heart was, where he was raised with a strong work ethic, and learned pride in family. He and his two brothers lived together with their families on the farm, where they worked together in harmony to raise crops and cattle, and tend to the Kuhn Orchards.

In addition to his responsibilities on the family farm, Larry held a membership in the Metro Club and Lamar United Methodist Church, where he sang in the church choir during his youth. He served his country in the Missouri National Guard for 9 years. As a member of Missouri Second Calvary Re-enactors, he enjoyed riding his horse Whizzer, in many events as well as speaking to schools about the Civil War. He and Mary taught Ball Room Dancing together. Larry also served on several boards including Board of Directors for Ozark Mental Health Council, Barton County Health Department, Farm Service Agency, and Barton County Electric.

Larry is survived by his wife of nearly 56 years, Mary; two sisters-in law, Betty Kuhn and Mary P. Kuhn. Additional survivors include several nieces and nephews; Kim Kuhn, Richmond, Virginia, Michelle Dowell Kuhn, Lamar, Christian (Paul) Dowell Alberty, Olathe, Kansas, Mark (Hazel) Dowell Kuhn and son Harrison Dowell Kuhn, Enterprise, Alabama, Jacob (Annette) Kuhn, Lamar, Amy Kuhn, Carthage, Missouri, Sherie (Mike) Smith, Bill (Shelly) Ainsworth, and Jim (Mittie) Ainsworth, all of Bokoshe, Oklahoma; and a host of great nieces and nephews whom he loved. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Roger, Dan, infant brother and grandparents Albert and Sarah Kuhn and Amy Dowell.

Services will be 2:00 pm, Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at Daniel Funeral Home with Rev. Don Keithly officiating.

Contributions are suggested to Barton County Library or Barton County Humane Society in care of Daniel Funeral Home.