



Fred "Linn" Houck

December 1, 1945 - October 9, 2023

Fred "Linn" Houck, age 77, of Pierce City, MO passed away on Monday, October 9, 2023, at Missouri Veterans Home in Mount Vernon, MO. Mr. Houck was born in Tulsa, OK on Saturday, December 1, 1945; son of Linwood "Slim" Hoy and Nona Vesta Marie (Ahrens) Houck. He was a 1963 graduate of Pierce City High School. He served in the Army where he was a sharpshooter and engineer. Mr. Houck was a Vietnam Veteran. Awards received include The Army Commendation Medal and the Gold Conduct Medal.

Mr. Houck married Dorothy "Fran" Chasteen on Friday, November 26, 1971, in Pierce City, MO. He was a member of Mt. Olivet Church, past Master of Decatur Lodge #400, past Commander of the American Legion, Pierce City, member of Valley of Joplin Scottish Rite, member of Abou Ben Adhem Shrine, and a member of Barry County Shrine Club and Barry County Trikes. He loved people. Mr. Houck owned Telstar Aluminum (established 1985) which was an aluminum foundry. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, and classic cars. He owned a Model A and 1950 Ford Coupe. He loved his family and was proud of each of them.

Surviving are the following, one daughter, Julie Chrisco of Neosho, MO; four grandchildren, Donald Zachary Wormington, Lauren Rylee Wormington and husband Ricky Brown, McKenzie Pendergrass, and Jonathan Chrisco; one great-grandchild, Bradlee Wormington; two brothers, Frank "Evelyn" Houck of

Grove, OK and Walt "Kathy" Houck of Wentworth, MO; sister-in-law, Connie Houck of Wentworth, MO; brother-in-law, Larry Turner of Sarcoxie, MO; and many other nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mr. Houck was preceded in death by his wife, Fran Houck; parents, Slim and Nona Houck; brother, Vernon Houck; and sister, Marie Turner.

The family will receive friends at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Friday, October 27, 2023, beginning with a Masonic Service at 6:00 PM with visitation to follow until 8:00 PM.

Services will be at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Saturday, October 28, 2023, beginning at 1:00 PM with Rev. Hubert Conway officiating. Burial will follow at Mt Olivet Cemetery in Pierce City, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Decatur Lodge #400 in Pierce City or the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet

5422 Lawrence 2180
Pierce City, MO

Previous Events

Masonic Services

OCT 27. 6:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
501 N Elm St.
Pierce City, MO 65723
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Visitation

OCT 27. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT **28**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ I am so sad at the passing of Cousin Linn! My brothers Paul David Sterling Jr., Harold Ray Sterling, and myself cherished our visits to the cousins in Chetopa and Pierce City. It was the highlight of our summers, because it always involved an adventure. A hike in the woods, skipping rocks in the streams, fishing, hunting with our BB guns or sling shots. Most times the climax was getting muddy or scolded for slipping and falling in a stream. Above all was the story telling. When Linn and Harold Ray got together, it never stopped. They knew trivia about every person and every piece of land in Norman and Kansas/Missouri and proceeded to capture you in a slow moving car to tell all. It drove me nuts, but now I totally wish I had recorded all of it. They were the Historians of Family lore! Sorry, I didn't always appreciate the 3 hour monologue while it was happening! I miss it now. Hugs to all of the cousins and tender thoughts of Linn! Love and best wishes, Jenney Bonner and family

Jenney Bonner - October 27, 2023 at 01:11 PM

JM

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. My parents were friends and associated with Linn especially in P.C. and the Shriners. My condolences 🙏.

Jane Landoll Mattlage - November 01, 2023 at 10:25 PM

RJ

“ He was my friend for 70 years. I will miss him. I am proud to have known him.

Roger Jones - October 21, 2023 at 07:00 AM