



## Merland L Purdy

July 30, 1947 - October 17, 2010

Merland Lavern Purdy, age 63, of Mount Vernon, Missouri died on Sunday, October 17, 2010, at his home near Mount Vernon, Missouri. He was born on Wednesday, July 30, 1947, in Adrian, Michigan. He was the son of Adrian and Thelma (Jones) Purdy. Mr. Purdy was a truck driver and a member of Higher Balance Church in Portland OR. On July 1, 2000, he married Janet Williams Ploof and she survives. He served his country in the Coast Guard from 1965 until 1969.

Surviving are the following: his wife, Janet of the home; one son, Wade Purdy of Ketchikan, AK; three daughters, Ronda Johnson of Ketchikan, AK, Sherri Gardiner of Fairbanks, AK, and Opal Lay of the state of Maryland; three stepsons, Reese Ploof of Mt Vernon, MO, Glenn Ploof of Wintergarden OH, and James Ploof of Moon, PA; two stepdaughters, Cathy Zelina of Daisytown, PA, and Donna Golob of Crown Point, IN; one brother, Marvin Purdy of Big Sandy, TX; two sisters, Twyleen Gibson of Selma, NC and Georgia Mrazak of Longview, TX; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM on Friday at Missouri Veteran's Cemetery located at 5201 Southwood Springfield, Missouri with the Chaplain Cliff Rawley officiating. Mr. Purdy has been cremated at his request by Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery

5201 Southwood Road  
Springfield, MO 65804

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery  
5201 Southwood Road  
Springfield, MO 65804

# Tribute Wall



“ *Merland L Purdy*

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM

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“ *Uncle Merland was a wonderful man and he and my Aunt always were so happy when they were with each other, traveling the country with their two little dogs. I am so happy that he was a part of our lives.*



**Dawn Toth** - October 19, 2010 at 08:19 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Photos*



**Donna Golob** - October 19, 2010 at 12:38 PM

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“ *Merland was a very kind and loving man. He loved his family with all his heart and i am glad that i had him in my life for the time that was given.*

**Paul Zelina** - October 18, 2010 at 11:49 PM