



## Alan Bear

October 15, 1958 - September 12, 2020

Alan William Bear, 61 of Higginsville, Missouri passed away on Saturday, September 12, 2020, at Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence, Missouri.

He was born Wednesday, October 15, 1958 in Lexington, Missouri, and was the son of the late William Bear and Lula Jane Bear (Blevins) of Higginsville. Alan graduated high school from Lafayette County C-1 in 1977. He graduated college from CMSU in Warrensburg with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. Alan loved sports and was a great athlete during school. He played football, basketball, and baseball. Just a few years ago he was inducted into the Husker Hall of Fame.

The Bear family's roots are deep with history in Higginsville. Alan was proud that the Bear family founded the First Presbyterian Church of Higginsville in 1842 and it has grown to what it is today. Alan enjoyed church and was an active member. He sang in the choir, was a church historian, a youth Elder, Deacon and Ruling Elder.

Alan was a long-time farmer and was proud to be a part of the family's farm that has been in their family since its purchase in 1840, almost 200 years. He enjoyed history and collecting coins. He sang for the Circle of Friends, Lafayette County singers group.

Alan was a devoted father to his two sons, a caring son that was always helping his mother with chores or errands, and a friend to everyone. Alan knew the true meaning of integrity. The family just learned that he often would

check on elderly, widowed neighbors to make sure they didn't need anything from town or anything done. He truly was a friend to all. Alan will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and his community.

Surviving are his mother, Lula Jane Bear of Higginsville; two sons, Adam Bear and Andrew Bear both of Higginsville; two sisters, Janelle (Dan) O'Halloran of Oak Grove, MO and Avian Bear of Overland Park, KS.

He is preceded in death by his father, William Bear.

A private funeral service for family will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Higginsville with Rev. Liz Lindsey officiating. Interment will follow in the Higginsville City Cemetery. A public visitation will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at the church. Because of the current health conditions, masks and social distancing are highly encouraged. Casket Bearers: Andrew Bear, Tim Biesemeyer, Bobby Gillilan, Matt Hagerty, Dwayne Marsh, Dan O'Halloran, David Shafer, Mike Shafer.

Memorial contributions may be made out to American Diabetes Association or the Special Olympics.

# Cemetery Details

## City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.  
Higginsville, MO 64037

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
111 Fairground Ave.  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
<http://www.pcusa.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alan Bear*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Alan Bear*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Alan Bear*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Alan Bear*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Alan's funeral*



**Marshall Stewart Sr.** - September 17, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Bear.*



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September 15, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ *Jane, Avian, Janelle, Adam, and Andrew,  
The entire Williams Family are praying for your strength and comfort in this time of need.  
Alan was such a well respected and devoted friend and neighbor.  
We share in your loss and will miss him deeply.  
You have our love.  
Linda, Mike, Shelley, Susan, Lori, and Pat.*

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**Mike Williams** - September 14, 2020 at 09:18 PM



“ *Ill miss ya old soldier, hope I see ya on the other side. thanks for the kindness, U gave me some those times it was a rare commodity, for me and i appreciated it guy, we do go back a long time, West Side , Respect.*

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**Mark Rein Gash** - September 14, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ *Heartfelt prayers to the Bear family.*

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**Ed, Ellen, Reed Little** - September 14, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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“ *Lula Jane, Avian, and Janelle and family,  
We have been family friends for two generations and shared many good times as friends and through our 4-H years. Alan was always a big part of this and so many great memories.  
He was such a great dad and brother and son. Our whole community will miss his kindness and good deeds.  
Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time. Sending virtual hugs and sympathy.*  
*Marla Tobin, MD*

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**Marla Tobin** - September 13, 2020 at 09:31 PM

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“ *Alan Bear was an excellent guy. It was a joy knowing all the Bear family. My best wishes to all the family.*  
*Connie Long, Greeley, CO*

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**Connie Long** - September 13, 2020 at 05:57 PM

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*Sugar Bear. We will all miss you. How xan a speak on just one memory when there are so many. I wish we could just get up and down the court one more time. We did have some fun.*

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**Bill Peoples** - September 13, 2020 at 08:39 PM

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“ *Christopher Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Alan Bear*



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**christopher Hendrix** - September 13, 2020 at 05:23 PM