



## Calvin Soendker

July 14, 1933 - November 16, 2024

Calvin Richard Soendker, 91 of Higginsville, Missouri passed away on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Concordia, Missouri.

He was born Friday, July 14, 1933 in Wellington, Missouri, to the late Wesley Soendker Sr. and the late Mary (Baker) Soendker. Calvin was a graduate of Higginsville High School - class of 1951. His parents were tenant farmers instilling a lifelong love of farming in him. He spent many years planting row crops, raising cows, and tending horses. He loved spending time at the Thieman Farms and farming the grounds.

He worked as a tractor mechanic for Lafayette County Truck and Tractor from 1958 to 1972, and again from 1981 until retiring in 2001. He married Jeanne (Berry) Soendker on February 24, 2001; they spent twenty-two happy years together. Calvin fully retired from farming in 2012, spending his time restoring tractors, spending time with family and having breakfast with his friends at the Canteen.

He took Jeanne dancing every Saturday night and loved going to Eminence, MO every year to trail ride with friends and family. He never really slowed down, you couldn't even get him to fully stop his truck to talk. He was always on the move and I'm sure as he took his final breath, he looked around and said, "Got to go, got to go!" Calvin's infectious smile and love for life will be greatly missed.

Surviving are five sons, Doug Soendker of Higginsville, Mark Soendker of

Higginsville, Craig Seevers of Myrtle Beach, SC, Brian (Angel) Seevers of Oak Grove, MO and Chris (Christina) Berry of North Kansas City, MO; one daughter, Susan Snyder of Odessa, MO, two brothers, Larry Soendker of Mayview, MO and Dennis (Monica) Soendker of Lexington, MO; two sisters, Janice Jenkins of Lee's Summit, MO and Esther (Kenny) Dickmann of Napoleon, MO; seven grandchildren, Ryan (Jennifer) Soendker, Cory (Mallory) Soendker, Jessica Lyons, Lindsey (Steve) Blew, Brandon Seevers, Justin Seevers, Eli Berry; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Lawrence (Corky) Soendker, Delbert Soendker, Wesley Soendker Jr., Carl Soendker and Bob Soendker; two sisters, Wahneta Bell and Helen Diestelkamp; one granddaughter, Brooke Snyder.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, located at 1600 Main St. Higginsville, Missouri.

A memorial service will follow at 11:30 AM with Pastor Liz Lindsey and Rev. Glenn Elmore officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, Inc.  
1600 Main St.  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
1-660-584-3400  
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## Memorial Service

NOV **21**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall

KW

“ I HAVE KNOWN THIS FINE MAN FOR A LONG TIME TRUELY ENJOY VISIT WITH HIM HE ALWAYS MADE TIME KNOW MATTER HOW BUSY HE WAS! I ALWAYS ENJOY WATCHING HIM AND HIS WIFE DANCE ACROSS THOSE DANCE FLOORS !ALWAYS WAS SO GRACEFUL ACROSS THAT DANCE FLOOR FOR SURE ! HE WILL BE TRUELY MISSED AND HE WILL LEAVE A LEGACY FOR SURE ! YOU ALL WILL BE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS IN THE DAYS AHEAD ! TRUELY WAS A FINE MAN ALL THE WAY AROUND FOR SURE ! HAVE MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES!



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**Kathy Wooden** - November 22, 2024 at 09:32 AM

LS

“ Our family have fond memories of Calvin, Janice, Doug and Mark growing up in the Lutheran school and Faith. May God wrap his loving arms around your family during this most difficult time....



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**Lisa Stone** - November 19, 2024 at 03:38 PM

Sharon Dankenbri

“ Was such a great guy. Deepest sympathy 🙏

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**Sharon Dankenbring** - November 19, 2024 at 11:50 AM

BR

“ I considered Calvin a friend. He was always in a good mood and spoke whenever I met him. I will miss him. I remember we played a wedding dance for Calvin and his wife. In the course of the evening I told a story that could have easily been taken wrong and caused hard feelings. Calvin enjoyed the story as much as anyone and saw humor in it. The Lord took a good man in Calvin and I expect to see him again. Bob Rigby

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**Bob Rigby** - November 19, 2024 at 11:27 AM

KC

Calvin was my most favorite uncle! I have so many memories, from fishing nights at the pond to Christmases to letting mark and i have the baby runt pigs to play with and so many more! I use a quote from him occasionally that no one gets .. I was standing in front of the tv one time and he asked me if I'd been drinking muddy water cause he couldn't see through me!! I'll certainly cherish my memories!  
Kris Klepper Crowther

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**Kris Crowther** - November 19, 2024 at 04:54 PM