



## Darrell DeLap

February 10, 1946 - August 27, 2025

Darrell Everett DeLap, 79 of Grain Valley, Missouri passed away on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at the VA Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri. He was born on Sunday, February 10, 1946, in Kansas City, to Andrew DeLap and Dora (Skinner) DeLap. In 1965, he proudly joined the United States Air Force, serving his country with pride and dedication.

Darrell worked as a truck driver for McClain PepsiCo, a career that reflected his strong work ethic and commitment. After retirement, Darrell continued to work for Hyvee in Blue Springs. Beyond work, he was an active member of the Blue Springs American Legion and was very proud to be part of the Honor Guard. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge, contributing to the Youth Committee.

He had a love for the outdoors and recreation. He enjoyed spending time at the gun range, casting a line while fishing, and enjoying a good book. He especially loved family gatherings, traveling, and any opportunity to be surrounded by the people he loved. Above all else, his greatest joy was his family, whom he treasured deeply.

He will be remembered for his devotion, his laughter, and the countless ways he showed his love to those around him. Surviving are his wife, Susan DeLap of the home; four sons, Darrell DeLap, Jr. Ross DeLap, Brett (Ashley) Cox, Nicholas (Tara) Cox; one daughter, Kimberly Purtle; one sister, Sondra Monasmith; sixteen grandchildren, Mariah (Brandon) Mosby, Mitchell Purtle, Kiera Delap, Dillion Cox, Carter (Lillian) Cox, Ryley Kuhns, Harper Cox, Mackenzie Cox, Jadyen Cox, Alexis Cox, Tristin Cox, Brayden Cox, Ethan Cox, Camden Cox, Adalyn Cox, Anistyn Cox; four great-grandchildren, Violet Campbell, Colter Mosby, Charlotte Mosby, and Octavia Cox.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday, September 19, 2025, at Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, 1600 Main St. Higginsville, MO 64037. A graveside service with military honors will follow at 12:00 PM in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery located at 20109 Bus. MO-13 Higginsville, Missouri 64037. A lunch social will follow the graveside at the Blue Springs American Legion from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, located at 499 MO-7 Blue Springs, MO 64015.

Memorials may be made out to Tunnels to Towers Foundation - (victims of 9/11 tribute.) at [www.t2t.org/donate/](http://www.t2t.org/donate/) or 2361 Hylan Blvd. Staten Island, NY 10306.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home and online condolences may be made to the family at [www.stewarthoeferfuneralhome.com](http://www.stewarthoeferfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, Inc.  
1600 Main St.  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
1-660-584-3400  
hoeferfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<http://www.stewarthoeferfuneralhome.com>

## Graveside Service with Military Honors

SEP 19. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery  
20109 Business Highway 13  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
<http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov>

## Lunch Social

SEP 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Blue Springs American Legion  
499 MO-7  
Blue Springs, MO 64015

# Tribute Wall

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Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home - September 26, 2025 at 01:54 AM

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“ <https://youtu.be/f648cHPFRbk>  
Darrell's funeral video.

Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home - September 26, 2025 at 01:53 AM

AF

“ It is with sadness that i'm read about darrell's death. Since our high school youth, he was a very good friend of mine. My most remembered memory is when he and three or four of our friends were on the quarter mile drag strip in Kansas City when he fell and cut his hand on the back bumper of a 1957 chevy. I was the one appointed to call his mother on a payphone that he was at the hospital getting treated. Rest in peace my friend!

Al Frisby - September 14, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darrell DeLap.



September 12, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Darrell DeLap.



September 09, 2025 at 04:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrell DeLap.

September 05, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrell DeLap.



September 05, 2025 at 10:17 AM

DS

“ We really enjoyed the times we came down to Santa Caligon Days and stayed with Darrell and Susan. We fell very welcome there. I know Mike Paul really enjoyed the times we spent visiting when there.

Debra Saville - September 04, 2025 at 09:09 PM

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Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home - September 03, 2025 at 01:22 PM

DB

He was a good man. And I will miss him..

Donna Bowden - September 04, 2025 at 09:48 PM

RD

*Today would be my dad's birthday. I really wish I'd known him better but he and my mother divorced when I was barely 3yrs old. Grandma Dora is the only one that kept in touch all the way till she passed away when I was about 22 yrs old. After that I only seen my father on two other occasions. First he and his wife at that time, Bonnie, came to Mississippi to visit me and my new wife, Chastity. She's the one contacted my father and after is when they drove down for a weekend. About a year later, he and Bonnie and Grandma Dora drove down once more because my grandma wanted to see me before she passed. My visit with her was short because they stayed in a motel and her health wasn't very good and she couldn't get out and drive 50 miles to Vicksburg to the casinos where my father wanted to go during there visit. That visit was the last time to see my father. We only talked a couple times after that but I found out a few years later he'd left his wife and married Susan but I never heard from him again. I tried calling once but got my brother, darrell jr.'s answering machine, when he called me back he told me that he'd told my father that he thought I was trying to get in touch and our father told him, "I don't know why, I haven't heard from him since I sent him the money Grandma left for him." Money , if actually left for me, that I never received. I haven't spoken with anyone there since. And then a few months ago, a add popped up on an app saying, "search any name for obituary" and I'd had my father on my mine a lot lately wondering if he was still living and I typed in his name... That's how I learned of his passing. And to this day, no one has contacted me to inform me of his death. Thanks a lot family! That's really being thoughtful! Well that's okay since you never knew me anyway. Why I was even mentioned as one of his children at his funeral I don't know. But if anyone reads this I will say I'm not mad about it but was heartbroken and hurt. Whatever the reason no one felt necessary to notify me, whether he may have also left me anything (which I doubt) like my grandma did that I never received, or because they may have been embarrassed by me for whatever reason. I'm gonna be fine like I have been for 54yrs now without a dad. My life may have been much different... probably even better... I only wish I'd had my father as a dad all those years.*

*Rest In Peace*

*Darrell E. DeLap*

*Your son,*

*Ross A. DeLap*

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**Ross Andrew DeLap** - February 10 at 11:59 AM