



Herbie Graf

April 16, 1937 - March 14, 2025

Herbert Henry "Herbie" Graf, 87 of Mayview, Missouri passed away on Friday, March 14, 2025, at Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence, Missouri. He was born Friday, April 16, 1937 in Blackburn, Missouri, and was the son of the late Harvey Graf and the late Theckla (Roehrs) Graf. He was the husband of Pauline (Hostetter) Graf, marrying July 3, 1999. He graduated high school in Alma, MO at Santa Fe High School in 1955 and then went straight to working. Herbie was a man that couldn't sit for too long. He had a long and extensive work career. He worked for a period of time at Good Year Tire & Rubber, manufacturing tires. He worked 20+ years with Central Co-op delivering fuel to local farmers. Most people remember him with the Road District for the City of Concordia grading and maintaining roads. He enjoyed operating the heavy equipment and continued road maintenance with the City of Alma and the Special Roads District in Mayview for 13 years. At 87 years young, he was still working all the way up until January 6, 2025, plowing snow off the roads. If he saw one of his children or grandchildren at home on a weekday, he was known to say, "Why aren't you working? Are you lazy or laid off?!" He had a sense of humor but also knew a good work ethic was important to instill in his family. Herbie was always known to take action and get things done; a true "do-er".

In his younger years, if you could get him away from work, he enjoyed fishing and bird hunting. He loved gardening and enjoyed the plentiful rewards of his labor. In his older years he enjoyed going to auctions and garage sales with

his buddy, Dave. Herbie was a sports fan and enjoyed watching the Chiefs, Royals, and the Cardinals. He was a family man and coached Stacey's basketball team as well. Herbie's smile will be missed but his memories will live on in the hearts of all.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister; brother-in-law, Leroy Jordan; and a nephew, Kent Jordan.

Surviving are his wife, Pauline Graf of the home; sons, Bruce (Lois) Graf of Waverly, MO, Todd (Carol) Graf of Waverly; daughter, Stacey Owen of Mayview; brothers, Kenneth (Barb) Graf of Concordia, MO, Robert (Janet) Graf of Alma, MO; sisters, Alice (Larry) Schnakenberg of Concordia, Joann Jordan of Independence, MO; grandchildren, Rachal Vogelsmeier, Kelly Graf, Keaton Graf, Leigha Graf, Carson Graf, Haley Newman; great-grandchildren, Delana Vogelsmeier, and Jillian Vogelsmeier.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, 1600 Main St. Higginsville, Missouri. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Burial will follow in the Higginsville City Cemetery.

Casket bearers: Brian Graf, Carson Graf, Keaton Graf, Kelly Graf, Scott Graf, Randy Schnakenberg, Terry Schnakenberg.

Honorary casket bearers: Jennifer Campbell, Leigha Graf, Ronnie Hawthorne, Eldon Knipmeyer, Haley Newman, Stacey Owen, Delana Vogelsmeier, Jillian Vogelsmeier, Rachal Vogelsmeier.

Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

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

Funeral Service

MAR **20**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (cst)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1501 Lipper Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037
immanuellutheran@ctcis.net
<http://www.ctcis.net/~ils/immanuellutheranchurch.htm>

Burial

MAR **20**. 12:00 PM - 12:15 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Who ever wrote Herbie's obit painted a moving portrait as if Herbie was visible and heard. That obit was knowingly written in a personal style that should be adopted in honor of each who dies. Why especially? Because old age and medical complications make one feel they have lived a meaningless, useless life. I'd like to think I could have such an obit after I'm gone. High School friend, Joan

Joan Sola - April 02, 2025 at 03:26 PM

BM

“ I grew up knowing Herbie as part of our extended family always having a smile and usually something witty to say and always working
Went to school with Bruce and Todd
Our deepest condolences to the family on his passing he will be missed
Bruce and Pam Meinershagen

Bruce Meinershagen - March 23, 2025 at 01:23 PM

KW

“ I have known herbie for a long time he always had a big wave of HELLO THEIR WHILE HE WAS PLAYING IN THAT BIG ROAD GRADER, WE COULD ALWAYS DEPEND ON HIM GRADING OUR LANE AT THE FAMILY FARM IN MAYVIEW WHEN IT SNOW! NO MATTER THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER HE ALWAYS HAD OUR LANE CLEARED BEFORE WE LEFT FOR WORK ! HE WAS A VERY HAPPY GO LUCKY PERSON TRULY GOING TO MISS SEEING HIM IN THAT GRADER GOING DOWN THE GRAVEL ROAD ! TO THE FAMILY YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES!



Kathy Wooden - March 19, 2025 at 07:25 PM

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“ Kim and Clyde Knox purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Herbie Graf.



Kim and Clyde Knox - March 19, 2025 at 07:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Herbie Graf.



March 17, 2025 at 09:34 PM



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

March 17, 2025 at 09:34 PM