



## Kenneth "Bodie" Boedeker

June 25, 1931 - May 14, 2013

Kenneth "Bodie" Boedeker, age 81 of Higginsville, Missouri died on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg, Missouri.

Born June 25, 1931 in Higginsville, he was the son of Benjamin Boedeker and Clara (Schowengerdt) Boedeker. He married Rita Hill on October 27, 1951.

Mr. Boedeker was a lifelong resident of Higginsville where he owned and operated Boedeker's Nursery, retiring in 1993. He was a member of Salem United Church of Christ in Higginsville and a member of The American Association of Nurserymen and Missouri Association of Nurserymen.

Preceding him in death are his parents; one daughter, Sheryl Apprill; and two brothers, Bill Boedeker and Maurice Boedeker.

Surviving are his wife, Rita Boedeker of the home in Higginsville; two daughters, Rhonda Boedeker and Jennifer Boedeker both of Higginsville; four grandchildren, Michelle (Brian) Sartain, Austin (Monica) Ritter, Ashlynn (Kevin) Sowers, Clayton Stiff; four great grandchildren, Ethan Ritter, Sydney Ritter, Greenlee Sowers, and Talon Sartain.

A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, May 17, 2013 at Salem United Church of Christ, 1500 N. Main St. Higginsville with Pastor Betty

Thaller officiating and Ramona Moore as pianist and vocalist.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday prior to the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Salem United Church of Christ.

Honorary pallbearers are Kenneth Rinne, Dale Sherman, Rusty O'Dell, Don Cleveland and Glen Mais.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.hoeferfuneralhome.com](http://www.hoeferfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Kenneth "Bodie" Boedeker

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ Kenneth "Bodie" Boedeker

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ Kenneth "Bodie" Boedeker

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ Kenneth "Bodie" Boedeker

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ We are saddened by the loss of one of Higginsville's finest. Our loving sympathy to your family. We especially remember the wonderful nursery he established here on Hwy 13. He was so helpful & truly gifted in his knowledge of plants & landscaping. We always loved to stop & chat with him. Please know that this entire community is mourning his loss. Love to your family.

Jan & Wendel Oetting - April 28, 2018 at 10:45 AM

DH

“ Dearest Family this quote is from Esther Hayward's memories box - HE THAT IS THY FRIEND INDEED, HE WILL HELP THEE IN THY NEED; IF THOU SORROW HE WILL WEEP; IF THOU WAKE HE CANNOT SLEEP; THUS OF EVERY GRIEF IN HEART HE WITH THEE DOTHS BEAR A PART SHAKESPEARE

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**Duane and Carol Hayward** - April 28, 2018 at 10:45 AM

PF

“ Rhonda and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.

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**Paul Fletcher** - April 28, 2018 at 10:45 AM

GM

“ We were so sorry to hear of his passing. After all these years, am sure you have many wonderful memories to recall. He will certainly be missed by many. Glen & Barbara Mais

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**Glen Mais** - April 28, 2018 at 10:45 AM

VS

“ I'm so sorry. Know he has had a struggle for a few years. Take care of each other.

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**Velma Stiff** - April 28, 2018 at 10:45 AM

K(

“ Thinking of all of you in this time of loss. Ken was a great man and will be missed by many.

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**Kara Dennis (Stiff)** - April 28, 2018 at 10:45 AM

RB

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Bodie a few times. He had a fabulous sense of humor. He loved to tell a story. The world is now a lesser place without him in it. In spite of having met him only a few times, I will miss him. I fondly remember a catfish dinner with him and Rhonda. That is the way that I would like to remember him. It is a priceless memory.

*My deepest sympathy goes out to all of his family members and friends.*

*Bob*

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**Robert Busch** - April 28, 2018 at 10:45 AM