



Wendel Oetting

June 22, 1947 - August 23, 2020

Wendel Wayne Oetting, 73 of Higginsville, Missouri was called to Heaven on Sunday, August 23, 2020, at his home.

He was born Sunday, June 22, 1947 in Kansas City, Missouri, and was the son of the late Louis Oetting Sr. and the late Lorna Oetting (Alewell).

Wendel grew up on a dairy farm outside Concordia, MO and graduated from Concordia High School in 1965. He studied Agriculture Business at Central Missouri State University and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in 1969. He married Jan Oetting (Eggers) on March 6, 1971. They loaded everything they owned including the wedding gifts into Wendel's 1970 Ford Torino and moved to Houston, MO. Wendel took a job with Farmers Home Administration as a County Agent. In the mid-1970's he and Jan moved to Higginsville and he took a position with Aid Association for Lutherans (now Thrivent), as an Insurance Representative, retiring in 1997. Wendel was an entrepreneur; in 1985 Wendel and Jan started Higginsville Mini Storage, expanding and growing the business into what it is today. In 2005 he started selling Kidwell Granite monuments and headstones.

Wendel may not have been the most vocal person about his spirituality, but he had a relationship with God and loved Jesus. He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and a past Elder. He also served as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Wendel loved western movies and tv shows, but even more he loved his cowboy boots. It was a rare sight to see him in anything other than his trusted

boots. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a proud member of the NRA and Quail Unlimited. He spent a lot of time with friends and family on quail and pheasant hunting trips. He enjoyed hunting turkey and deer as well, and long days on the water fishing.

Wendel enjoyed social gatherings; he would host fish fries, BBQ's or cookouts and really loved all his coffee drinking buddies. But sometimes Wendel just needed the calmness and serenity of solitude with a day alone in his shop to gather his thoughts. He could be found in his shop tinkering on projects, woodworking, or refinishing old furniture. He especially loved his restored Massey Ferguson tractor and would be known to till anybody's garden that asked.

At the end of any day, Wendel was ready to go home. His family always came first. He dearly loved his wife, children, and grandchildren. His family and God came before all.

Surviving are his wife, Jan Oetting of the home; one son, Chris (Tiffany) Oetting of Edwards, CO; one daughter, Carrie (Chris) Woods of Lee's Summit, MO; four brothers, Ron (Virginia) Oetting of Overland Park, KS, Bill (Frieda) Oetting of Olathe, KS, Louis (Marty) Oetting, Jr. of Concordia, MO and Harold (Susie) Oetting of Concordia; one sister, Marilyn (Paul) Holsten of Higginsville; four grandchildren, Lilah and Laney Woods, and Chloe and Corwin Oetting.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 28, 2020 at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. Kurt Brandon officiating. Interment will occur at a later date in St. Matthews Cemetery, Ernestville, MO.

The family will gather and socialize with friends from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, August 29, 2020, at the American Legion Hall, Higginsville. Services are open to the public but masks and social distancing are highly encouraged. Because of the strong passion Wendel had for conservation, wildlife education, and hunting and fishing, a scholarship fund has been created to honor a worthy student's dreams to pursue a career in such. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Wendel Oetting Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Wood & Huston Bank or Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

St. Matthew Lutheran Cemetery, Ernestville

2069 State Highway KK
Concordia, MO 64020
pastor@saintmatthewlcms.org
<http://www.saintmatthewlcms.org>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life Social

AUG 29. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

American Legion
1001 W. 22nd St.
Higginsville, MO 64037
<http://www.legion.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Wendel Oetting*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Wendel Oetting*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Wendel Oetting*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Wendel Oetting*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *Jan, Carrie, and Chris*

I am so sorry to read of Wendel's passing. I remember him, and you all as great neighbors and family friends. We loved getting together with you and sharing good times as neighbors with you. You were a great addition to our neighborhood and Wendel was such a nice man!

You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending cyber hugs!

Marla Tobin, MD

Marla Tobin - August 28, 2020 at 09:42 PM

JG

“ Wendell was one of the first people I met when I moved to Higginsville in 1998, and we became good friends. It was always fun to be around Wendell, working together or hunting or fishing, Wendell was always good company!

Sending thoughts and prayers to you Jan and to your family

With sympathy,

John and Julie Gillie

Julie Gillie - August 27, 2020 at 09:33 PM

PJ

“ It was my privilege to work with Wendel at Immanuel and to serve as his pastor. God’s peace to Jan, Carrie, Chris, Marilyn, Wendel’s brothers, and all your families. May your sorrow be softened by the sure promises of our loving Lord, such as, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life.” (John 10)

Pastor Mark Jauss - August 27, 2020 at 01:31 PM

CM

“ Jan so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of working with Wendel and get-togethers when he worked with FMHA. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Charles and Evelyn Marcks

Charles Marcks - August 26, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ Jan so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. We will be out of town this week end and not able to be at the service or visitation. I will talk to you soon. Sharon Wampler

Sharon Wampler - August 26, 2020 at 05:57 PM

RL

“ Wendell and I lived in the same house at Warrensburg during our college days. Everybody loved Chico. Sorry for your loss.
Rick Loft

Rick Loft - August 26, 2020 at 03:54 PM

RM

“ So sorry to here about Wendell. May God bring you peace, comfort and courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.

Rick and Marlys (Horman) Rennison

Rick and Marlys - August 25, 2020 at 02:01 PM

GF

“ Jan and family, you have our greatest sympathy. Our friendship goes back a long way. A lot of good times. Chico always had an enthusiastic smile. Rest In Peace old friend.
Gene and Mary Fangmann

gene fangmann - August 25, 2020 at 12:46 PM

TW

“ So sorry to hear about Wendel. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers

Terry and Joyce Wodrich - August 25, 2020 at 11:22 AM

JR

“ *Jan, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I am thankful Wendel's path and my path crossed. --- Jan Rinne*

Janice K Rinne - August 25, 2020 at 10:50 AM

CU

“ *We are so sorry for your loss Jan. Praying for comfort for you and your family during this difficult time .
Jim & Cathy Urfer*

Cathy Urfer - August 25, 2020 at 09:53 AM

WG

“ *Jan, we are so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Wayne and Connie Gassen - August 25, 2020 at 12:31 AM

PG

“ *Jan so sorry for your loss. May god keep you close and watch over you. If you need anything Herbie and I are here for you. You are in our thoughts and prayers ! Pauline and Herbert Graf*

Pauline Graf - August 24, 2020 at 09:43 PM

KB

Jan & family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers!

Kathleen C Brown - August 25, 2020 at 12:18 PM

MR

Jan & Family, I am so sorry to hear about Wendell. Praying for comfort for your family

Mike Reider - August 25, 2020 at 09:55 PM

KL

Jan, thinking of you and your families. Keep all the memories in your heart.

Kenneth and Barbara Lovercamp - August 27, 2020 at 08:25 AM