

LAST JOURNEY

*By Timothy Coote*

There is a train at the station  
With a seat reserved just for me  
I'm excited about its destination  
As I've heard it sets you free

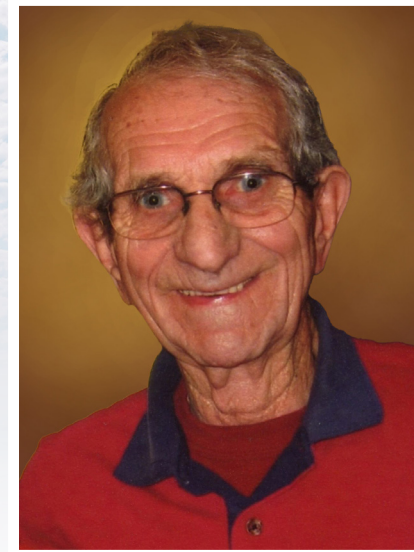
The trials and tribulations  
The pain and stress we breathe  
Don't exist where I am going  
Only happiness I believe



IN APPRECIATION

Owen's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the thoughts, prayers, and many acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time.

**Freeman**  
MORTUARY



OWEN "JUNIOR" LUNSFORD  
1926 - 2021

## REMEMBERING OWEN

Owen Jesse “Junior” Lunsford, Jr., 94, of Jefferson City, Mo., passed away Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at Capital Region Medical Center.

He was born on August 16, 1926 in Sand Ridge, Illinois, a son of Owen Jesse and Alma Lucille (Garris) Lunsford Sr. He was married on February 27, 1954 in Chamois, Mo. to Patsy Irene Curtie, who preceded him in death on May 16, 2013.

Owen graduated from Gorham High School in 1945. He then went on to serve in the Illinois National Guard.

In 1952, he began his career as a signal maintainer with the Missouri Pacific Railroad. He worked there for 36 years, retiring in 1988. In his retirement, Owen worked part-time with Freeman Mortuary for 25 years.

Owen had a lifelong commitment to the Masonic Lodge and was bestowed as a 33rd degree Mason over 20 years ago. He served as a 70-year member of the Masonic Lodge in both Jefferson City and Chamois, a 50-year member of the Scottish Rite in Columbia, and a 54-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Victoria Chapter #14. He was a past member of the Moolah Temple, past Master of the Jefferson Lodge No. 43, A.F. & A.M. and a past District Deputy Grand Master for the 31st District. Owen was also a longtime member of First United Methodist Church in Jefferson City.

Owen was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan, enjoyed going to the casino with his daughters, and having coffee with his friends. He had an outgoing personality and a willingness to help in whatever capacity was needed. Owen was a true friend that everyone loved to be around.

Survivors include: his daughters, Jackie Price (Jim) and Robin Lunsford, both of Jefferson City, Mo.; sister, Judy Shapiro of Ocala, Fl.; sister-in-law, Vivian Vahrenberg of Jefferson City, Mo.; grandchildren, Amanda Allen (Brian) and Melissa Bruemmer (Brad) all of Jefferson City, Mo.; and great-grandchildren, Hunter Allen, Haiden Allen, Owen Bruemmer and Reece Ann Bruemmer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife of 59 years, Patsy; sister, Joanne Steffens; and brother, Harold Lunsford.

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

12:00 Noon Saturday, March 20, 2021

Freeman Chapel

Jefferson City, Missouri

The Reverend Dr. Stephen Buchholz

Masonic Service

Song ..... “Angels Among Us”

Call to Worship

Opening Sentences

Prayer of Invocation

Reading of Scripture

Prayer before the Sermon

Sermon

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Video Tribute

### GRAVESIDE SERVICES

Hawthorn Memorial Gardens

### PALLBEARERS

Brad Bruemmer Jim Price Denny Kuebler

Gary Reynolds Brian Allen Ryan Freeman

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Hunter Allen Haiden Allen

Owen Bruemmer