



Celebrating the Life of  
**TOM WISHON**

1932 - 2022

# REMEMBERING TOM

Tomy Charles "Tom" Wishon, age 90, of Jefferson City, Mo, passed away Friday, November 11, 2022, at University Hospital in Columbia, Mo.

Tom was born on June 24, 1932 in Picher, Oklahoma, the son of Charles Edward and Grace Jane (Williams) Wishon. His family would move from Oklahoma and Tom grew up in Phelps County, Mo. where he attended school.

He was married on January 6, 1950 to Norma Malone in Walnut Ridge, Ark. and she preceded him in death on January 2, 1979. After Norma's passing, he was blessed to meet Joyce Elaine Walker and they were married on March 8, 1982 in Miami, Oklahoma.

Tom served our country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was extremely proud of his service to our country. He was a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars, Roy Sone Post 1003 and the American Legion, Roscoe Enloe Post 5. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 2693.

He began his professional career as a truck driver in Dent County, Mo. working for several distributors. He later began his 35 year career with United Telephone, which later became Sprint, until his retirement in 1992. Tom possessed a strong work ethic and through the years worked several jobs from truck driver, lineman, and equipment technician. He also was proud to be a member, union steward, and past vice president of the Local Communication Workers Association (CWA).

After retirement, Tom and Joyce traveled for ten years in their motor home, with one of their favorite stops being the deep south of Texas. He was able to travel back to Korea with Joyce to see the areas that he experienced during the war. He would say that was his most memorable trip.

He loved his family dearly and wanted nothing more than to spend time with them. The holidays were always important and finding the right gift for his grandchildren that would cause the most commotion. His sense of humor kept everyone entertained and he always had a sarcastic joke to make others laugh. Tom enjoyed time on the gun range and was a huge John Wayne fan because he loved watching all the old western classics.

Tom is survived by: his loving wife of 40 years, Joyce Wishon; five children, Patricia Norman (Mike) of Harrisonville, Mo., Steve Wishon (Sandy) of Centertown, Mo., James Wishon (Joyce) of Kenston, North Carolina, Susan Sundermeyer (James) of Holts Summit, Mo. and Donald Wishon of Kansas City, Mo.; two step-children, Ricky Lipp of Jefferson City, Mo. and Rhonda Timbrook (Ernie, Sr.) of Holts Summit, Mo.; sister, Florence Thompson of Rolla, Mo.; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Marilyn Kay Wishon; granddaughter, Shelley Ann Wishon; and five siblings, Myrna Wishon, Avis Dodd, Linda Poole, Robert Wishon, and Nelda Grisham.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Freeman Mortuary.

## In Loving Memory of **TOMY CHARLES WISHON** June 24, 1932 - November 11, 2022

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### **Time and Place of Service**

11:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Freeman Chapel

Jefferson City, Missouri

### **Officiating**

Reverend Frank Goehringer

### **Musical Selections**

"Amazing Grace"

"Take My Hand, Precious Lord"

"Grandpa"

### **Final Resting Place**

Riverview Cemetery

Jefferson City, Missouri

### **Pallbearers**

Josh Sundermeyer

Aaron Norman

David Sundermeyer

Jake Timbrook

Ernie Timbrook Jr.

Tom O'Keefe

Charles Wishon

William Wishon

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Michael Wishon

Corey Lipp

Austin Lipp

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## IN APPRECIATION

Tom'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.