



George Lee Cunningham

January 13, 1942 - March 26, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we are announcing the passing of George Cunningham, Sr., age 83 years, two months, and 13 days, who passed away suddenly on March 26, 2025. George was born on January 13, 1942 in Red Bluff, California to the late Ernest Cunningham and Mabel Talley Cunningham. George graduated from Corning Union high School in 1960. There he ran track, played basketball and baseball. He worked many jobs in California, some included working in olive plants, fruit picker, hauled hay, milked cows and he carried this work ethic into Missouri when he moved with his parents in 1966.

George soon met the most beautiful girl he had ever seen, the late Paula AKA Susie Cunningham, and they were married on March 24, 1968. This marriage was blessed with three children George Jr, Lori and Tammie. George worked two or three jobs at times just so that Susie was able to stay home with the kids. George worked for Dallas County Road and Bridge for 18 and a half years and was a Mail Carrier for 25 years at the Tunas post office before retiring.

George loved fishing and hunting, playing cards with friends and family, playing croquet or badminton and enjoyed visits from neighbors and family. One thing George loved the most dearly was being with his grandkids and his great-grandsons. George also mourned over his late wife Susie's death and longed to be with her every day since her passing. "I have loved you with an eternal love." Jeremiah 31: 3.

George was a master key to this family circle who left an admiration and impression to his three children and many others.

George was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Mabel Cunningham; siblings, Donnie, Sr., Jimmy, Eugene, Mary, Darlene, and Inez; maternal grandparents, Fred and Margaret Talley; and paternal grandfather, John Cunningham. He is survived by his brother, Arlin Cunningham; three children, George, Jr. & wife Tammy and Tammy's mother Debbie; daughters, Lori and Tammie Cunningham; four grandchildren, Kaelee & husband Ethan Long, Carissa Fields, Dalton Cunningham and Tanner Smith; two great-grandsons, Liam AKA Noble and Elijah Long. George also leaves behind a fur baby, Dusty and a host of family and friends who are sadly going to miss him. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2025 in the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home with Bro. Ed Cunningham officiating. Escorts will be George Cunningham, Dalton Cunningham, Tanner Smith, Steve Clemmons, Kenny Greenlee, and Eddie Cunningham. Honorary Escorts will be Kaelee Long, Carissa Fields, Liam Long, and Elijah Long. Honorary escorts will be Kaelee Long, Carissa Fields, Liam Long, and Elijah Long. Interment will be in the Hopewell Cemetery under the care and direction of the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo. Visitation will be on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Hopewell Cemetery Fund.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Cemetery

Hwy 73
Tunas, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Lee Cunningham.*



March 31, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ *Some people enter our lives and leave an unforgettable mark. Their love is so abundant that it spills over to those around them. Although our time together was short, the memories, wisdom, and, most importantly, the love they shared, have stayed with me all these years.*

I imagine Heaven must be filled with endless fields of cattle, where children laugh and play, surrounded by family members who have gone before us, eagerly awaiting our arrival. May you and Susie continue to smile and shower love on those of us still here. And may the warmth of the sun remind us every day of the love and pride you held for your family.

You will be missed by so many.

Marilyn Nolan - March 30, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ *I knew George when we lived in Corning, California in 1961. My aunt Helen was married to her brother Arlin it was fun to be around. I was 14 he was 19. I think we went on a coon hunt with him and his brother in Corning. He was a cool guy.*

Ronnie andGinger Holland - March 28, 2025 at 02:29 PM



Correction, my aunt Helen was married to Georgia's brother Arlin

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