



## Maurice John Grant

August 18, 1947 - July 11, 2024

Maurice John Grant, 76, of Phillipsburg, MO was born on August 18, 1947 to John Alvin and Esther Louise (Humphrey) Grant in Alexandria Bay, NY and departed this life on July 11, 2024. At the time of his passing he was 76 years, 10 months, and 24 days of age.

Maurice was raised in Cape Vincent, NY on his family dairy farm, and as a child he enjoyed catching minnows to sell at his grandfather Humphrey's bait shop. Maurice's favorite past time all through childhood, teenage years, and into adulthood when he wasn't working was to play or watch sports. He loved almost all types of sports. While his father was living, he would have competitions with his dad to see who could throw a ball the farthest. He always loved to play baseball with his father, his children, and his nephews or "barn ball" with the whole community in their upstate NY hay loft. He has watched countless hockey games in Canada and later in Springfield, MO with his wife, sons, daughter in law and grandchildren.

Maurice worked with his father his entire life hauling milk, crop farming, and dairy farming. He took over the family farm in 1979 where he began his family and started raising his first five children with their mother, Marie. He farmed in Sackets Harbor, NY until 1991. He moved to Phillipsburg, MO in 1991 where he continued farming and finished raising his family. He was united in marriage to Thelma Barber in 1997 and finished raising his family consisting of eight children total. On his farm in Phillipsburg he had stock cows, raised horses and sheep, and there he kept his prize possession, his cutting horse

named Chrissy. He started dairy farming again in 1994 and retired from dairy farming in 2019.

Farming was his passion and dairy was his specialty. People would always say Maurice knew a good dairy cow, and he could tell you if a baby heifer calf would be a good milker. People from all over the US and Canada would hire him to buy and sell cows for them. Maurice traveled a lot because of this, and the children would help with the farm and travel with him, as well as his wife, Thelma who was his chauffeur across the country in his later years.

Maurice's youngest son, Garrett would often manage the farm and the hired help, as a young teen, while his father traveled. Garrett loved to travel with him when given the chance. Maurice enjoyed to play video games with Garrett when all the work was finished. Maurice also enjoyed going on vacations with his children whenever he could. He just got back from a wonderful vacation in Florida with his wife, his daughter Jennifer and her family, just four short days prior to his passing.

Maurice was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Bonnie McWayne and Sandra Ellingsworth. He is survived by his wife, working buddy, and trucking buddy, Thelma; his children, Eric (Johnna) Grant; Donna (Tracy) Stuckey, John (Jennifer) Grant, Jason (Kimberly) Grant, Justin (Misty) Grant, Justin Jobson (Catherine), Jennifer (Jessy) Portis, and Garrett (Chelsy) Grant; 23 grandchildren, Ethan and Allison Grant, Kyle, Adam, Caden, and Aleina Durham, Braden and Dakota Grant, John Grant, Julia Calfee, Brianne Stubblefield, Kaydon and Kassius Dame, Natalie and Jaxon Jobson, Isabella Hendrix, Donavin, Payton, Ariaahna, Adalynn, and Tylee Portis, and Aubrey and Judson Grant; one great-granddaughter, Zoey Stubblefield; and one sister, Linda Aubertine. As well as a host of family and friends that loved him very dearly.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2024 in the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home with Bro. Bill Autry officiating.

Escorts will be Braden Grant, Donavin Portis, Dakota Grant, Payton Portis, Ren Cole, and Micayah Stadler. Honorary escorts will be Judson Grant, Jaxon

Jobson, John Mathews, Maurice Weaver, Dan Dryer, and Daniel Scott.  
Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Funeral Home.  
Interment will be in the New Hope Cemetery near Long Lane, MO under the  
care and direction of the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo.

# Cemetery Details

## New Hope

Long Lane, MO 65590

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo  
931 W. Main St.  
P.O. Box 993  
Buffalo, MO 65622  
(417) 345-2211  
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## Service

JUL 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ TO THE MORRIS GRANT FAMILIES I JUST LEARN ABOUT MORRIS PASSING I ALWAY KNEW MORRIS AT THE LOCAL LIVESTOCK CATTLE AUCTIONS HERE IN NEW YORK..MORRIS AND I ALWAYS TALK IN THE SPRING TIME ON THE PHONE AND ALSO SEE SEE EACH OTHER AT THE AUCTION BARN. HE WAS A GREAT FREIND OF MINE AND A VERY KIND MAN TOO BECAUSE WE BOTH DID THE SAME WORK CARL LOBDELL FRANKLIN NY

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**CARL LOBDELL** - February 09, 2025 at 08:56 PM

MG

“ Marie and family: Maurice was a king soul, perhaps kinder then most knew. When my father William Grant passed away (Maurice's father John and my father were brothers), Maurice drove all the way from Missouri to attend the calling hours. When we saw Maurice walk in the front door of the funeral home, we were all totally surprised. It should be mentioned that after calling hours, he told us he was headed back to Missouri. When he saw our father's hat that he always wore on the farm lying next to the urn, he gave us all a thumbs up and said "Nice Touch". Maurice and I went to school together and I often would spend sleep overs at his parents farm on the Grant Road in the Cape. You will be sadly missed cousin. God speed to you and your family.

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**Michael W. Grant** - July 17, 2024 at 12:18 PM

LA

“ Love, Eric, Johnna, Ethan and Allison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice John Grant.

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**Love, Eric, Johnna, Ethan and Allison** - July 16, 2024 at 03:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maurice John Grant.*



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July 16, 2024 at 03:40 PM



“ *John and Jennifer McCall purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maurice John Grant.*



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**John and Jennifer McCall** - July 16, 2024 at 12:33 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this what a great family Maurice helped us when we got out of farming the barber family was close friends*

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**Jacki dick kaban** - July 16, 2024 at 08:17 AM



“ *Jason, Kim, John Grant and Lorry Quirk purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Maurice John Grant.*



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**Jason, Kim, John Grant and Lorry Quirk** - July 15, 2024 at 01:04 PM

LC

“ Love Dave and Sherry Cobb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice John Grant.

Love Dave and Sherry Cobb - July 15, 2024 at 01:01 PM

LC

“ Love Dave and Sherry Cobb purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maurice John Grant.



Love Dave and Sherry Cobb - July 15, 2024 at 01:01 PM

KR

“ So sorry for your loss Thelma and family.



Kathy Russell - July 15, 2024 at 09:53 AM

RF

“ Randall & Karen Pemberton & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice John Grant.

Randall & Karen Pemberton & Family - July 14, 2024 at 04:44 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Maurice John Grant.*



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July 14, 2024 at 04:44 PM



“ *Johnson Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maurice John Grant.*



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**Johnson Family** - July 13, 2024 at 06:55 AM



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