



Melvin Stanley "Doc" Durham

March 20, 1939 - July 22, 2022

Melvin Stanley Durham was one of nine children born to Charles Edward and Florence Gertrude (Newell) Durham, on March 20, 1939, in Crocker, Missouri, and passed away Friday, July 22, 2022, at his home in Richland, Missouri, having attained the age of eighty-three.

"Doc," as his friends called him, began his lifelong career as a young man at Ozark Fisheries in the early fifties and was mentored by Roy Nakashima. Doc poured his heart and soul into raising fish for nearly sixty years and enjoyed going to work every day. After Doc retired, he longed for the days gone by, and the friendships he made while working there.

Stanley married Sharon Luttrell and to this union a beautiful baby girl Cindy Ann was born bringing immense joy to their lives.

Doc was later married Audrey Lea (Oursbourn) Hooker on July 16, 1982. The two were inseparable as they enjoyed life, their families, and home, during their thirty- eight years of marriage together before Audrey's passing on July 14, 2021. Doc's heart broke the day he had to say goodbye to the love of his life.

Family and friends meant the world to Doc. He always looked forward to each visit. His hobbies included collecting pocketknives, deer hunting, coon hunting

and had plenty of stories to tell about all. He took immense pride in keeping a beautifully mowed yard.

Doc is survived by his daughter, Cindy Zeigenbein of Richland, MO; niece, Kim, also known as “Farrah” Durham of Lebanon, MO, who was like a daughter to Doc; stepchildren: Ricky Hooker (Jane) of Auxvasse, MO, Stephen Hooker of Richland, MO, Sandy Botello (Mike) of Camdenton, MO, and Paul Hooker (Patty) of Richland, MO; one sister: Beverly Sue Luttrell of Camdenton, MO; grandchildren: Christian Zeigenbein, Justin Gage (Cadri), Ashley Waterman (Brandon), Jarrod Hooker (Kimberleigh), Jamie Reid, Jennifer Gum (Randy), Seth Hooker (Sarah), Sam Hooker (Cassa); 13 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Doc was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Edward, and Florence Gertrude (Newell) Durham, beloved wife, Audrey Lea (Oursbourn) Durham, three brothers, Jim Durham “Droop,” Cecil Durham, and Robert Durham, and four sisters, Dola Mae Barton, Mildred McCombs, Imogene Nivens, and Edith Beal.

Doc was a simple man never needing or wanting much in life but the love of his wife and family he adored. He was blessed to have both. Doc will always be remembered through the wonderful stories kept alive by those he loved, and they who loved him.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 28, 2022, in the the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Pastor Danny Graves officiating. Recorded music “Go Rest High on That Mountain,” “Amazing Grace,” and “I Love To Tell The Story” were played. Serving as escorts were Richard Allen, Adam Oursbourn, Larry Baranowski, Barry Oursbourn, Mac Myers, and Dave Prebble. Honorary escorts included Christian Zeigenbein, Marion Light, Jim Bentch, and Estel Becker.

Burial followed in the Wet Glaize Camp Cemetery, near Stoutland, Missouri.

Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Melvin Stanley "DOC" Durham and mailed to Claws and Paws, 18705 Gateway Road, Lebanon, Missouri 65536, or may be left at the Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Online condolences may be left at www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Stanley "Doc" Durham*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 28, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ *Melvin Stanley "Doc" Durham*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Cindy, please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your dad. I will never forget his kindness towards me.*

Deborah LEWIS - July 30, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Deborah LEWIS lit a candle in memory of Melvin Stanley "Doc" Durham*



Deborah LEWIS - July 30, 2022 at 08:30 AM

SH

“ Shirley Henry lit a candle in memory of Melvin Stanley "Doc" Durham



Shirley Henry - July 29, 2022 at 10:51 AM

RH

“ Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Melvin Stanley "Doc" Durham



Robin Hobbs - July 27, 2022 at 10:11 PM



“ 84 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 27, 2022 at 06:37 PM

ML

“ *Doc was a friend as well as a relative. Loved their lawn in the summer*



Marion F Light - July 27, 2022 at 05:53 PM

CG

“ *Sorry for your loss. Jerry has memories of working with Doc at the fish hatchery. Prayers for comfort during this time of grief.*
Carol & Jerry Gideon



Carol Gideon - July 27, 2022 at 04:05 PM

JA

“ *Doc was always so friendly anytime we met him We are sorry for your loss*

Janice Alexander - July 26, 2022 at 01:37 PM

CL

“ *Carol Light lit a candle in memory of Melvin Stanley "Doc" Durham*



Carol Light - July 26, 2022 at 01:12 PM

DH

“ *Della Hage lit a candle in memory of Melvin Stanley "Doc" Durham*



Della Hage - July 25, 2022 at 09:00 PM

SH

“ *Shirley Henry lit a candle in memory of Melvin Stanley "Doc" Durham*



Shirley Henry - July 25, 2022 at 03:01 PM

WW

“ *Cindy I'm sorry to hear about uncle Stanley he was my favorite uncle out all mom's brother's*

Wanda Luttrell Wilso - July 25, 2022 at 12:50 PM

WW

“ *Wanda Luttrell Wilso lit a candle in memory of Melvin Stanley "Doc" Durham*



Wanda Luttrell Wilso - July 24, 2022 at 04:11 PM

MF

“ *Cindy and Christian,
We are so sorry to hear about your dad/grandpa’s passing. We
send our deepest condolences to you both. Sending positive
thoughts and prayers your way.
Kenneth & Dalene McDaniel
Kim, Kasondra, Kristie/Len, Mandy, Tiffannie/Rylee
Sue Pentecost
Jimmie and Richard*

McDaniel/Pentecost Family - July 24, 2022 at 02:45 PM

RH

“ *Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Melvin
Stanley "Doc" Durham*



Robin Hobbs - July 23, 2022 at 10:32 PM

LD

“ *Larry Durham lit a candle in memory of Melvin
Stanley "Doc" Durham*



Larry Durham - July 23, 2022 at 08:38 PM

GA

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. Uncle Stanley was such a big part of our growing up years. We spent quite a few years at grandmas in the summer and quite a few memories were made with him and the other aunts and uncles. Please know that you are in our Hearts and Prayers! George and Barbara Ambrose

George & Barbara Ambrose - July 23, 2022 at 08:02 PM

MB

“ *Cindy and all of the family,*

We are so sorry to hear about your dad. Jim and I remember playing cards with him and Audrey, breaking ice at the lake to go gigging one freezing cold night, and many other good times. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Jim and Mary Lou Bentch

Mary Lou Bentch - July 23, 2022 at 06:37 PM

LD

“ *Larry Durham lit a candle in memory of Melvin Stanley "Doc" Durham*



Larry Durham - July 23, 2022 at 03:54 PM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Melvin Stanley "Doc" Durham*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - July 23, 2022 at 11:19 AM