



## Woodford "Woody" Alvin Avey

February 26, 1971 - July 11, 2021

Woodford Alvin Avey was born at Ft. Collins, Colorado, to Alvin Thomas and Junie Mae (York) Avey on February 26, 1971, and after a brave, hard fought battle, "Woody" left the worries, and cares of this world behind at 3:50 p.m., the afternoon of Sunday, July 11, 2021, while in the Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri.

At a young age he made a profession of faith.

Woody spent his first four years of his life in Colorado and Wyoming before his family settled into Richland, Missouri, where he attended school.

On August 27, 1994, Woody was married to Peggy Sue Rowden near Richland, MO. The couple, and their four children enjoyed the challenges of life together, as one big family. However, it seemed like there was always room for other kids to wiggle their way into the hearts, and lives of the Avey family...all were welcomed.

He was known for being "the best" mechanic and was able to fix most anything. Anytime a friend, or a neighbor needed his help, they'd come looking for ole Woody; and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was a truck driver for North American and National Carriers for approximately ten years, then in 2004, Woody began his career with Tri County Tire, and Towing,

where he worked before getting sick. Woody did have his own wrecker, but you know what they say, "Sometimes the mechanic's vehicle doesn't receive the attention it needs!"

Woody just loved spending time at the Lake with family, especially his grandchildren, fishing, and tubing with his boat. He owned several motorcycles and riding them was a passion, as well as, driving race cars.

Woody was preceded in death by his grandparents, and loving parents. He leaves behind to cherish his memory, wife, Peggy of the home; children, Thomas Avey (Nancy), daughter, Jennifer Avey(Alex Rogers) all of Richland, MO; Loutina Hargett of Lebanon, MO, James Shaffner of Richland, MO; 8 grandchildren: Clayton, Lilly, Izzy, and Paisley Beasley, Daniel (Mikala) Hargett, Dakota Hargett, Roland, and Madason Shaffner; 6 great grandchildren; Summer Heath Hougardy of Lebanon, MO who was very special to Woody; and a host of other relatives, and friends.

Woody had a big heart with enough love for everyone. He brought great joy and laughter into the lives of those he loved and to his many friends. The legacy Woody's left behind will live on in the lives of those he touched and bring comfort until we see him again.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 17, 2021, in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Pastor Harold Elson officiating. Special music included "Even Though I'm Leaving," June & Joey, "My Old Man," Zac Brown, "Gone Too Soon," Simple Man, "Jealous of the Angels," Donny Taggart, "Drink A Beer," Luke Bryant, and "Scars In Heaven," Casting Crowns.

Servings as escorts were Ross Reinhart, David Roberts, Shon Jacoby, Michael Beasley, Gail Rowden, and Johnny Smith. Honorary escorts included Ed Moore, Brad Moore, Marion Light, Glen Roe Sr., Patrick Anderson, and Michael Keith. Burial followed in the Lewis Cemetery near Richland, Missouri.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family have requested memorial contributions be made in memory of Woody Avey and can be left at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Woodford "Woody" Alvin Avey*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - July 19, 2021 at 05:44 PM

NA

*Than you so much for doing a fantastic job.*

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**Nancy avey** - July 20, 2021 at 09:37 AM



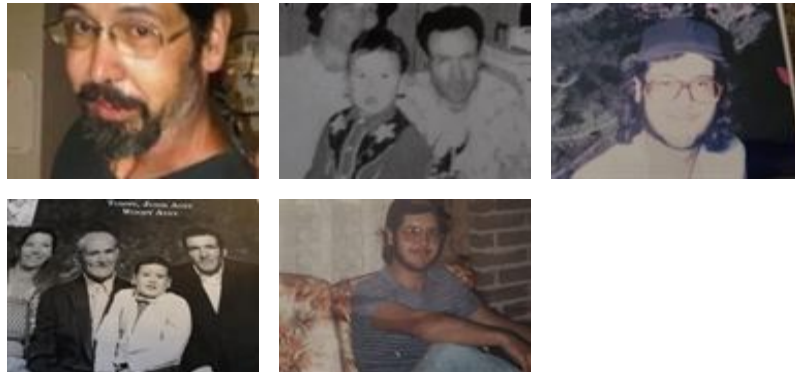
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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *75 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - July 16, 2021 at 12:08 PM

SW

“ I remember always being able to ask him anything about cars. Our family will miss him greatly. I remember going through school with him. He was always willing to lend a helping hand, when ever he could. We feel like he was the happiest guy that we knew. Our prayers and thought are with you. Steve Wall and family.



Steven Wall - July 16, 2021 at 12:43 AM

JL

Same here!!!!

Jolene Long - July 22, 2021 at 11:15 AM

SH

“ Shirlet Henry lit a candle in memory of Woodford "Woody" Alvin Avey



Shirlet Henry - July 15, 2021 at 10:24 PM

MS

“ I first met Woody about 15 years ago. We became friends as he rescued me and my family members over and over. He would stop work if he had a minute to spare and visit with me about life and old cars mostly. I knew if my husband or I needed saving, Woody and his tow truck would get to us as soon as he could. His presence will be greatly missed by many in this town. I loved him, And still love the memories he left me with, he was a great friend.

Mary Switzer - July 15, 2021 at 01:28 AM

KF

“ Woody was a special person , he was always kind and courteous and full of knowledge. He will be deeply missed. ( RIP Woody )

Kevin Henson & Family - July 14, 2021 at 03:34 PM

SH

“ Shirley Henry lit a candle in memory of Woodford "Woody" Alvin Avey



Shirley Henry - July 14, 2021 at 02:36 PM

DP

“ So very sorry for your loss. Sending our thoughts and prayers to the family.



Doc & Susan Powers - July 14, 2021 at 12:43 PM

PS

“ Woody was a wonderful man. He was the first mechanic my dad introduced me to. I used to sit and listen to them talk cars and motorcycles for what seemed like forever, never even knowing at the time that he would become a forever part of my life until I found out that he was the father of two of my bestest friends. When it came to family, blood or not he accepted you as part of his. He will be greatly missed.



Polly (CaSpeR) Snow - July 14, 2021 at 11:23 AM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Woodford "Woody" Alvin Avey



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - July 14, 2021 at 09:17 AM

LS

“ Linda-Bob Schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Woodford "Woody" Alvin Avey



Linda-Bob Schonbok - July 14, 2021 at 08:18 AM

MC

“ Marianne Cole sent a virtual gift in memory of Woodford "Woody" Alvin Avey



marianne cole - July 14, 2021 at 08:17 AM

CL

“ I wish to share my sorrow for the family loss of a great guy. A memory that Woody and I would laugh about got years was when we were kids growing up together he would say when I get as old as you I am going to marry you. Never got as old as me. I miss you my friend. RIP Woody

Carol L Light - July 14, 2021 at 01:02 AM

RH

“ *Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Woodford "Woody" Alvin Avey*



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**Robin Hobbs** - July 13, 2021 at 11:22 PM

RW

“ *Roberta Wilson lit a candle in memory of Woodford "Woody" Alvin Avey*



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**Roberta Wilson** - July 13, 2021 at 10:26 PM

LI

“ *Dad is really going to be missed.*

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**LISAYORK** - July 13, 2021 at 07:36 PM

NA

“ *Nancy Avey lit a candle in memory of Woodford "Woody" Alvin Avey*



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**Nancy avey** - July 13, 2021 at 07:04 PM

MB

“ *Loutina and family*  
*Sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers!*  
*Mitch and Robin*



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**Mitch and Robin Ballhagen** - July 13, 2021 at 06:59 PM

DH

“ *Della Hage lit a candle in memory of*  
*Woodford "Woody" Alvin Avey*



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**Della Hage** - July 13, 2021 at 06:31 PM