



## Orval E. "Butch" Ruth

December 23, 1950 - August 3, 2015

Orval E. "Butch" Ruth, 64 of Kansas City, Missouri went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on August 3, 2015 after a short battle from cancer. He was born the sixth of seven children born to Ervin and Mary Stella (Carter) Ruth December 23, 1950 in Kansas City, Missouri. Butch owned and operated Eastside Automotive, Riverside Auto Service, Tremont Auto Service and Grace Auto service for several years and he has worked for Firestone for the past 15 years. Butch enjoyed riding his motorcycle, playing golf and he was an avid sports fan, especially his KC Royals and KC Chiefs. Above all Butch enjoyed spending time with his family and he adored his grandchildren. Butch was a 27 year member of Metro Baptist Church, serving as the head of their Missions Program. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ervin and Mary Ruth, siblings; EJ, Lester, and Robert. He is survived by his loving wife, Kathryn of 30 years, his children; Lance Galleher, Bryan (Rachel) Ruth; Daman (Teresa) Galleher, Eric (Trisha) Ruth; Andrea (Forrest) Johnson; Lakisha (Duncan) Barnett; and Shaun (Stacy) Leonard, his beloved 16 grandchildren, along with other loving family and close friends. Funeral Service; 10:30 AM, Friday, August 7, 2015 with a visitation with family at 9:30 AM at Metro Baptist Church; 3400 NE 80th Street; KCMO 64119. Burial in Missouri City Cemetery immediately following services. Fond memories of Butch and words of comfort may be shared at: [www.CashattFamilyFunerals.com](http://www.CashattFamilyFunerals.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Missouri City Cemetery

Missouri City, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Metro Baptist Church  
3400 NE 80th  
Kansas City, MO 64119

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Orval E. "Butch" Ruth

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October 04, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ Not liking our given names, we agreed, I would call him Butch and he would call me Jeanie. We were high school friends but then as I got to know him in later years I knew him as a "brother in the Lord". I was so happy that he found true love with his lovely wife Kathy. He was a happy, thoughtful and caring man, who was admired by many, including me. My sincere sympathies!

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**Jeanie Smart** - August 15, 2015 at 11:28 PM



“ In 6th grade at Southwest Elementary, Orval sat behind me in class. He was constantly pulling my hair, braided or in a ponytail. He teased me constantly. He loved it.

*Theresa Hanssen*

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**Theresa Hanssen** - August 07, 2015 at 05:46 PM



“ I met Orval when we were both about 12 years old. We became best friends in life and remain that way through our adult lives. I never called him Butch. One night I was invited over for dinner at his house and we were outside when his mom yell outside "Butchie, you and your friend come eat" We went inside and had dinner, later I asked him "who is Butchie?" He told me, just call him Orval I told him to call me Ron, and not Ronnie. So, I have always called him Orval and he always called me Ronnie. Lakisha your dad and I faced some demons in our lives, I choose to run from mine (and just recently one of them caught up with me) but your dad chose to stand and face his and with the help his faith in God, he defeated them. Maybe I can learn one more lesson from my best friend. Hope to see you again "Butch"

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**Ron Greathouse** - August 07, 2015 at 03:07 PM

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“ i know Butch is in heaven with mom and dad and our brother EJ,Lester Bob, and is looking down on us and is saying i am ok. He will be surly missed by a lot of people from friends to family,but for me i lost more then just a brother i lost my friend as well. when i need to advise i called him and when i just needed to talk i called him, i will miss you so much.i remember lots of good memories we had , how you tried to get the ice tray out and it wouldn't come so i said hold on to it and i pulled the chair out from under you and it came and so did part of your front tooth, it was a chip of love.we use to sit out on the roof of the house and our old dog tippy would run around barking just so mom would know we were up there and make us get down boy i loved that dog.i remember when we were playing baseball in the yard and the old turkey jumped on my back man did that hurt and i was yelling mom thought you was teasing me,but you finually got him off and did we have a feast later when dad got home.all the chicken fights we use to go to with dad.i will never forget when you got your licences and you took me for a drive in that old chevy and the horn stuck on us and all the neighbors thought you was honking to let them all know boy was you mad. also when we would go to grandmas down in the ozarks we had lots of fun how you taught me how to skip rocks on water.how when we would go up to the cabin and we had to sneek cause the old bull would chase us and one day he hit you in the butt before you got under the fence it was so funny. then we were chased by a blue racer snake in the cabin that day man we got ourselves in a pickle that one day.there is so many memories i have and i will chearish them all. you rest in peace my beloved brother i know you are watching over us all you mom dad and the rest. i love you your one and only sister  
kathy (ruth) wiley

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kathy - August 06, 2015 at 01:59 PM

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“ *It was an absolute privilege to have been Butch's pastor and friend. He had a such huge heart...for God and people. His Christian commitment was unquestionable...his faithfulness to Christ's church was exemplary as was his willingness to serve others. Butch always encouraged me...he was that rare person that added value to my life. He was one of those special men that to know him was to love him...and I did!*  
*I honesty believe heaven is a better place today because Butch Ruth is there :-)*

*Pastor Larry and Hope Webb  
Philippians 1:3*

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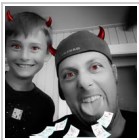
**Larry Webb** - August 06, 2015 at 01:26 PM



“ Grandpa ... Years ago you came into my life as the grandfather I had never had...you didn't have to be since I wasn't blood but that didn't matter to you any. I remember always being so excited to be able to get the chance to see you at your shop in Riverside and be able to see you work on vehicles. I thought I had the most awesome Grandpa ever and no one had no grandpa compared to mine. You know what?! I was right, they don't! :-) You took me under your wing like I was any other grandchild that you already had with no questions asked. I remember coming an staying the night at your house with the All Apple Kitchen (Grandma Kathy's obsession lol) and extremely comfy water bed lol I loved every minute I got just to be able to hang out with you! You have no idea the impact you made on that little girl so long ago...unfortunately life happened and we lost contact with one another which neither of us had control over... but when I reconnected with the family just last year...I will never forget you calling to make sure I was doing ok and wasn't hurt too bad after I had my head on collision... It blew my mind and amazed me...that after all these years...you were still right there and ready to be my grandpa all over again with no questions asked. Thank you so much for being there for me as a child and even now as an adult even though we didn't have much time together before GOD called one of his Angels on earth back home to him! You have always held a special place in my heart and always will... I Love ya Grandpa Butch...I can't wait to see you again in Heaven one day...

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Christina Ellis - August 05, 2015 at 10:46 PM



“ A wonderful parent and wonderful man that would do anything to help someone he took me in and I have known him for 25 yrs ... You will be missed but never forgotten I'm going to miss you big guy .... Thought and prayers go out to everyone mom, kissy, sissy, and the Brothers miss you all keep your heads up and hopefully I can see you all soon

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Robert Tingler - August 05, 2015 at 08:46 PM

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“ *Daddy was such an amazing man!! I was so blessed to be called his baby girl!!! He had so many wonderful traits about him that I will definitely miss.....compassionate, understanding, gentle hearted, loving, non judgemental, warm spirited are just a few. My dad was always there no matter what the situation might be or time of the day. Thank you dad for being such a wonderful papa! The boys and I love you and will miss you terribly!! I know one day I will see you again....till then my daddy I love you!!!*

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**Andi** - August 05, 2015 at 06:13 PM

JA

“ *My heart goes out to you all! Butch has the biggest heart of anyone I know.*

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**Jason** - August 05, 2015 at 04:21 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Orval E. "Butch" Ruth.*



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August 05, 2015 at 01:34 PM

KI

“ 5 files added to the album Family



Kiss - August 05, 2015 at 01:10 PM

YW

“ You darling, are still my world. Always were and always will be. I miss you terribly. But have the assurance that one day I'll see you again. Thanks for 31 wonderful years. They went by so very fast. I just can't imagine my life without you by my side. But you're always in my heart. I love you my Butchie...your Kate forever.

Your Loving Wife - August 05, 2015 at 12:41 PM



I will always remember spending more time with you guys than my own family when I was younger. You both were always so loving and accepting of me. My sincere condolences go out to you and the family. Heaven truly got an angel. Love and prayers to you! Athena

Athena Flowers - August 05, 2015 at 04:20 PM



“ My condolences to the family. Butch was a great guy! He'll be missed.

Justin Perez - August 05, 2015 at 12:38 PM

KW

“ yes he was and still is my hero and i will miss him very much i love you Butchie you are my handsome brother

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**kathy wiley** - August 05, 2015 at 11:46 AM

JK

“ I had the pleasure of working with Butch at Firestone in Kansas City, KS. I would bring cars and trucks in for service, and was always greeted by Butch in a warm and pleasant way. Butch went out of his way to help his customers. I always enjoyed visiting with him. Please know Butch will be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

**John Krumme**  
**Cam-Dex Security Corp.**

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**John Krumme** - August 05, 2015 at 07:43 AM