



Mr. Chester Godsy

November 3, 1932 - April 29, 2018

Chester Godsy

Lt. Colonel, United States Air Force, retired, passed away April 29th, 2018 at the age of 85 in Willow Springs, Missouri.

Chester was born on the 3rd of November 1932 in Hutton Valley, Missouri to Hiram and Gladys (Napier) Godsy and the 6th of 10 children. Chester was a graduate of Willow Springs High School class of 1950. After high school Chester attended S.M.S (Southwest Missouri State) in Springfield for 2 years. Following these two years he joined the U.S. Air Force and after that he was selected for navigator/ bombardier training (the youngest one selected at that time in the Air Force). Chester served with distinction and honors flying in B-36's and B-52's, including combat hours while serving in the Vietnam conflict. In 1965 his crew won the international bombing competition. In 1975 he retired to the Springfield, Missouri area. There he completed a degree in agriculture economics. Following this he and his wife Thelma moved to the Willow Springs area where they operated an antique shop and cattle farm near Hillbilly Junction. In 1999 they retired to the family farm where he was born.

He was preceded in death by brothers Jack, Melvin, Paul, Lee, Glenn, and two sisters Myrtle (Godsy) Johnson, and Opal (Godsy) Gill. He is also

preceded in death by his father Hiram Godsy and his wife Gladys (Napier) Godsy. He was also preceded in death by many uncles, aunts, cousins, and other relatives. Chester was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years Thelma A (Johnston) Godsy of Franklin, Texas. Chester is survived by his sister Dorothy (Godsy) Jackson, and his 2 sons and their wives, Chester Alan Godsy and wife Joni of Shawnee, Kansas and Robert Craig Godsy and wife Myra of Peculiar, Missouri, Grandson Mark Godsy, and grand daughter Sara (Godsy) Crider and husband Sean Crider and great grandson Mason Atlas Crider of Shawnee, Kansas.

Chester was known for his special interest in classic cars, his philanthropy work, and was loved by friends and family alike.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Hutton Valley Neighborhood Watch building fund or the charity of your choice.

A visitation for Chester will be held Saturday, May 5, at 10:00 A.M. at Willow Funeral Home, with the funeral service immediately following at 11:00 A.M., with Pastor Mike Kyle officiating. Interment will follow at Willow Springs City Cemetery with full military honors. Arrangements are under direction of Willow Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Willow Springs City Cemetery

State Rte DD
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Willow Funeral Home, LLC
106 E 3rd St
Willow Springs, MO 65793
(417) 469-3141

Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KF

“ Chester Godsy was a wonderful man, gentleman, friend and the kindest person you will ever meet. I spent a lot of hours visiting with him, working with him on varies projects. Parades down town. He will be sadly missed, but knowing he is in a better place today.

kathy foster - May 06, 2018 at 09:13 AM

RB

“ Sending prayers for Chester's family and friends. Chester was a great man, remember him in happy memories! Roberta Behringer

Roberta Behringer - May 05, 2018 at 11:51 AM



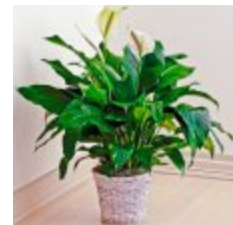
“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Chester Godsy.



May 04, 2018 at 09:33 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Chester Godsy.



May 03, 2018 at 08:20 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Chester Godsy.*



May 03, 2018 at 08:10 AM



“ *As the Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club, we are confident that PDG Chester Godsey and his wife Lion Thelma ensured the success of our Lions Club District and Lions Club International by their outstanding role modeling and numerous achievements in and for various communities. Although we know that they will be sorely missed, we are also comforted in knowing that God has brought them back together again!*



Ft Leonard Wood Lions Club - May 02, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ *I hated to hear of Chester's passing. I visited with him not long ago at G&W Foods. He remembered the Duddridge families well and made the comment there was not very many "old timers" like himself still around. The Godsy families have a rich heritage in the Willow Springs community. I will remember Chester as being friendly and though of one of the "old timers" - a good guy. God Bless.*

Tony R Duddridge - May 01, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ *You will forever remain in my heart!!!*

Shannon Hardy - May 01, 2018 at 01:39 PM

CW

“ PDG Chester Gody I was in the Lion Club with Lion Chester. He was one of the most dedication individual I have ever known. He will be missed by the dedicated Lions of the old 26J district.

*Lion Charlotte L Williams
NWTC Lions Club
Roby Mo*

charlotte williams - May 01, 2018 at 01:25 PM

DE

“ Chester.... -u- were a very good and honest man. -u- will be truly missed....Your Frined Denene

Denene - May 01, 2018 at 09:19 AM

MC

“ May his memory be for a blessing and his family consoled. Sorry for your loss, my family always spoke very highly of the whole Gody family.

Merlin Coffee - April 30, 2018 at 04:48 PM

SP

“ So sad to hear of Chester's passing. I enjoyed so much working on his cars. He was such a pleasure to work for. I will be praying for the family. Stacey Prewett

Stacey Prewett - April 30, 2018 at 04:29 PM

KD

“ Prayers to the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times. Love to all. Loved his smile and "stories" when he would stop by the house. My late husband and he would talk forever and exchange their "stories".

Karen Dugger - April 30, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ He will be greatly missed.



Ronda Kupitz Anderson - April 30, 2018 at 07:43 AM


Shawna
Rose

“ Chester you will be greatly missed.



Shawna Rose - April 30, 2018 at 07:28 AM