



Louie Lee Byars

April 13, 1927 - May 17, 2015

Louie Lee Byars, 88, of Centralia died Sunday, May 17, 2015, at St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia. He was born April 13, 1927, in Keens, son of Louis and Stella Lee (Sandy) Byars. He married Mary Jacqueline (Jackie) Veltman on July 11, 1951 in Piggett, Ark. In addition to his wife, Louie is survived by his two daughters, Jane Ann Sensel and husband Don of Walnut Hill, and Lori Breeze and husband Graham of Jackson, Tenn.; two grandsons, Lucas Schnake and special friend Veronica Wright of St. Louis, and Micah Sensel and wife Hollie of Carlyle; a great-grandson, Zane Lee Sensel; a cousin, Barry Byars of Denver and wife Tana; and one second-cousin, Kelley Byars of San Francisco. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Doyle Byars; a sister, Phyllis Gary; sister-in-law, Marcella Byars; brother-in-law, Ben Gary; and uncle and aunt, Roger and Rosalie Byars. Louie spent his entire career with Illinois Central Rail Road and retired as a carman in 1981. He served as a fireman first class in the U.S Navy from 1945-46. He was a member of Calumet Street Christian Church and served as a member of the Raccoon Water District Board. He loved spending time with his family and sitting outdoors with Jackie and their dog and cat, Peppy and Fritz. He would plant a large garden every year and enjoyed sharing what he grew with friends. Louie farmed his land in his spare time and would have full-time if he could have. He loved watching St. Louis Cardinals games. A private gathering is being held by the family in Louie's honor with Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia is handling arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may

be made to the American Heart Association and the Centralia Big D Relay for Life Team. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Jane Ann, So sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ginny Dailey

June 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Jane Ann & Family, so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. You are all in my thoughts & prayers.

Mary Hoffman - May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Jane Ann and Lori- I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad. He was a favorite of my mom and I have fond memories of him myself. We lost our brother, Bart, on May 25 at the young age of 56. It's never easy too see a loved one. Treasure your memories and God bless.

Becky May Bieler - May 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ In loving memory of a very special Dad Miss you so much ... Enjoy your heavenly home with all your family & friends & keep close watch over us till we meet with you again...all my love ... Please know I have wonderful memories from through out the past 61 years ... Thank you for raising me to be the person I am today ...

Jane Ann Sensel - May 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Jane Ann & Lori sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. Always enjoyed being around him whenever I got the chance. I,m sure he will be missed by many. Rick & Kim Jolliff

Rick - May 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jane Ann & Lori, so sorry for your loss. Prayers to your family.* **tonia Woodward Schofield**

May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *jane ann and lori we are so sorry for your loss, i loved your dad from the hickory street days. our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family at this sad time.*

terry benjamin - May 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jane Ann and Lori, so sorry for your loss. It's been awhile since I'd seen Mr. Louie, but Dad always let me know how he was doing. Know that you're all in our thoughts and prayers, from the Thomas W. Mosbarger Family.*

Robert Mosbarger - May 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jane Ann, so sorry for your loss. Keeping you & your family in my thoughts & prayers.*

Jo Ann Smith - May 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barry and Tana, So sorry for the loss of your cousin. Just wanted you to know I was thinking of you.*

Peggy Myers - May 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM