



# Alvin Dee Litwiller

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**M**y dear Husband, our Dad, and Papa, Alvin Dee Litwiller was born on February 13, 1946 to Don and Mandena Decker Litwiller in Harrison Michigan. The Angels came for him in the early morning hours of July 20, 2017 just 5 weeks after he was diagnosed with cancer. Shortly after his birth he moved with his family to DeRidder, LA. His growing up years were spent on the family farm. He received his formal education in DeRidder, La. He answered the call of God at the age of 12, and was baptized into the Church of God in Christ Mennonite on December 15, 1958 by Minister Ervin Nightengale, and remained faithful to these vows until the end. During the national draft, dad was called to serve, but as a conscientious objector, he spent 2 years in 1-W service in the Oklahoma City unit. He was married to our mom, Florence Schmidt on September 24, 1972 at DeRidder, La. sharing life's joys and sorrows for almost 45 years. To this union was born 3 sons and 3 daughters. Dad enjoyed a variety of occupations including dairying and farming. His lifelong dream of working with his boys was fulfilled by helping in their cabinet shop near his home. Dad always wanted to take his family back to Michigan to see where he grew up. Even though it never worked out, he often talked about his memories. Another dream he had was to build Mom a house. Thankfully with the help of family and many friends they moved into a new home a little over a year and a half ago. Alvin lost his Dad of a massive heart attack in 1973 while his dad was in Brazil. On February 25, 2007 our sister, Cynthia, and her husband Tim Koehn were tragically taken in a car accident. Through these tragedies, Dad's faith in God never wavered. He never questioned God's timing. He told one of the family "It won't be long until we go to be with them." Dad had quite a few health challenges over the last 25 years. In 1995 his colon was taken out after he was diagnosed with colitis. Later, after becoming almost immobilized he underwent back surgery, after which he was able to enjoy a fairly normal life until the last 4 months when he started suffering



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from the effects of his cancer. He seldom complained even though manytimes he was in severe pain.He loved to have his children and grandchildren come over. He would watch the road andoften be out the front door before they turned in the drive.He loved the outdoors and nature. Birds, and especially bluebirds, were his favorite. Heloved working in his garden and also enjoyed watching his trees grow.One thing that stands out above everything else, to all that knew him, was his unwaveringfaith and trust in God.Those left to hold fond memories are his wife, Florence, Deridder, Louisiana; Daughters:Shelah and husband Cameron Boeckner, Atmore Alabama, Debbie and husband Jerry Jantz, Montezuma, Kansas; sons: Sheldon and wife Nita, Waylan and wife Tanya both of DeridderLouisiana, Quinn and wife Rosalyn, Atmore, Alabama. After Tim & Cynthia's death, Randy andLarrissa Koehn adopted their children, and became part of our family. Special extended family;Bryan and Cheryl Ashworth, DeRidder Louisiana; Kendall and Jalene Miller, Dumas, Arkansas;and twenty-one grandchildren.Six sisters: Betty and Ron Classen, Moundridge Kansas, Ruth and Clinton Holdeman, ElmaIA, Mary and Dewayne Unruh, Deridder Louisiana, Esther and Dave Ensz, Detroit Texas, Marilyn and Stan Ensz, Osceola South Dakota, Carolyn and Kevin Classen, MontezumaKansas. Two brothers: Wayne and Marge Litwiller, Deridder Louisiana, John and Misty Litwiller, Huron, South Dakota.Those welcoming him home are: One Daughter and son in law, his parents, one brother, and

one sister.



## Tribute Wall

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LL

**Laura Lott** posted:

Sorry to hear of his passing. He was a great person and one to be admired for his faith and generosity. I will miss him greatly!

August 8 at 7:00 PM

FS

**Frank H Strohschein** posted:

Alvin and I were best friends for a couple years when we were about 14 years old. His family and the Mennonite community moved us to Deridder in 1961, for which I will always be grateful. As a token of friendship, Alvin gave me a bamboo coin bank which I still use for my very special coins. Alvin will always hold a special place in my life.

July 21 at 7:00 PM

SF

**Shelia Nelson Frazar** posted:

So very sorry to hear of your husband's/father's passing. We were neighbors of Don and Mandena all our lives and attended school with the children. Fond memories of fishing in their beautiful pond and watching Don and the boys tend the beautiful bountiful pastures and livestock. Know that there is going to be a very Happy Reunion Day with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and our loved ones who now await us! May God our Father wrap you in His arms and shelter you with the peace that passes all understanding. In Christian Love, The Jack Nelson Family (John, Beverly, and Shelia and families)

July 20 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Alvin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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