



## Melvin Eugene Richardson

May 30, 1935 - May 27, 2017

Melvin Eugene Richardson, 81, of Stilwell, KS passed away on May 27, 2017. Visitation will be 6 - 8 PM Thursday night at Maple Hill Funeral Home, where there will also be a Celebration of his Life at 11 AM on Friday, laid to rest at Pleasant Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the charity of your choice.

Melvin was born in a farmhouse near Anderson, MO, on May 30, 1935. His family moved to the Kansas City area in the 1940's. Melvin's hard work ethic began when he started driving a milk truck to Ottawa everyday at the age of 13. He met his wife, Patricia Brady, at Allen's Drive In, where she was a car hop and the two were married on July 26, 1952. They raised five daughters and eventually settled in their new home in Stilwell, KS in 1971. Melvin built a shop there and opened his own business, Directional Systems, Inc. in 1972 where he worked until his retirement in 1996.

Melvin and Patricia had numerous campers, boats, motor homes, and trucks over the years and were always on the go. They enjoyed camping, boating at the lakes, and traveling to 49 states and 4 countries. They loved taking their kids and later their grand kids on many wonderful trips.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Geneva, and his daughter, Sherry Richardson. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Patricia, his

daughter Janet Wehner, of Overland Park, KS, Kathy (Al) Osuna, of Oviedo, FL, Teresa (Bud) Eastland, of Paola, KS, Barbara (Derek) Verdoorn of Stilwell, KS.

His grandchildren, Christine (Alex) Pla, San Antonio, TX, Jessica (Darren) Lea, Kansas City, MO, Kerry (Matt) Howerton, Mountain Home, AR., Clayton (Allison) Richardson, Louisburg, KS., Jason Eastland, Paola, KS, Lindsay (Chris) Zammit, Louisburg, KS, and Alyssa Osuna, Oviedo, FL.

His great grandchildren, Marissa Pla, San Antonio, TX., Regan and Hayden Lea, Kansas City, MO, Abby and Noah Howerton, Mountain Home, AR, Brian and Molly Zammit, Louisburg, KS, and Cole Richardson, Louisburg, KS.

We will miss him greatly and continue to tell his stories and jokes for many years to come. We love you Dad, Papa, Melvin.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Valley Cemetery

9501 159th St  
Overland Park, KS 66221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-3345  
[info@maplehillfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@maplehillfuneralhome.com)  
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

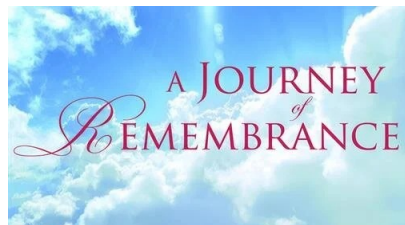
JUN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Eugene Richardson* ”



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - June 01, 2017 at 10:25 AM



“ *Melvin Eugene Richardson* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM

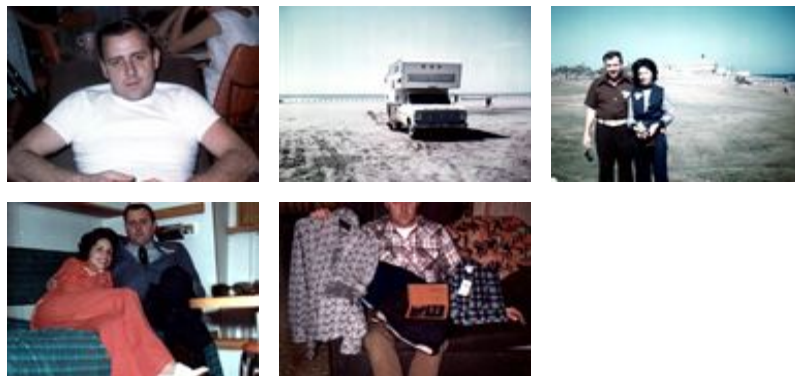


“ *Melvin Eugene Richardson* ”

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



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Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - June 01, 2017 at 09:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Eugene Richardson.*



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June 01, 2017 at 12:20 AM



“ *There was a time when my daughter, Alyssa, was about 3 years old, and we lived at the Mayport Naval Station where the cable television came in to the house via an overhead line that stretched across the road. Each time a moving van went by, the cable would get pulled from the house and we would lose those most necessary cartoons and children's programs. This particular time, my husband was out to sea and Alyssa was certain that I could not handle the situation. She insisted on calling her Papa for guidance. He assured her that her cartoons would be restored and gave her instructions to pass along to me. She hung up the phone, gave me explicit instructions for what Papa said should be done, and was happy to be assured that all would be well in the morning. I am forever grateful that Papa was there to make a little girl, who was desperately missing her daddy, feel supported. We love you dad. And Alyssa has always loved her Papa.*

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**Kathy Osuna** - May 31, 2017 at 11:43 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Eugene Richardson.*



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May 31, 2017 at 11:36 AM