



Lonnie Whelan, 69

Aug. 14, 1941 - April 2, 2011

OSCEOLA, MO — Lonnie Randall Whelan was born on August 14, 1941 in Harlan to Raymond and Zoe Whelan. He attended high school in Dunlap and graduated with the Class of 1959. After high school, he joined the United States Marine Corps. Lon retired in 2007 from many years in the trucking industry. In 2008, he began driving the school bus for the Osceola school system. He was a member of the local V.F.W. and the American Legion. He loved hunting and fishing and made many friends along the way. In January of 2010, he took Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and he was baptized at the Dunnegan Bible Baptist Church on April 25, 2010. Lon died on April 2, 2011 in Springfield, MO having attained the age of sixty-nine years.

Lon was preceded in death by his father; stepfather, Cless Kibby; infant baby sister, Kyla Kibby; and brother-in-law Les Soma. He is survived by his wife, Janice Whelan of Osceola, MO; a son Lonnie Whelan Jr. and his wife Ann-Margaret of San Clemente, CA; step children: Kevin Kobs and his wife Sheril of Avoca, Keith Kobs and his wife Cindy of Avoca, Kim Kobs of Maryville, TN, and Kathy Mctwiggan of Arizona; three grandchildren: Carly, Nick, and Ryan of San Clemente, CA; four step-grandchildren by a previous marriage that were very special to him: Yvette, Donnie, Kathy and Jeff Obara; nine step-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; his mother, Zoe Kibby of Dunlap; his sister, Keva Soma of Dunlap; his brothers: Kevin Kibby of Osceola, MO, Kelly Kibby and his wife Toni of Westside; many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Graveside services will be held at Grace-land Cemetery on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 10:30 am. Fellowship and lunch will follow the graveside services at the United Church of Avoca in Avoca.



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