



Owen "Wes" Wesley Rhodes

June 26, 1942 - March 6, 2026

Owen Wesley "Wes" Rhodes, 83, passed away peacefully Friday afternoon, March 6, 2026 at his home in Brookfield, MO.

Owen Wesley "Wes" Rhodes, was born on June 6, 1942, the son of Carlos Arthur and Catherine Jane (Roberts) Rhodes in Macon, MO. Wes was a 1960 graduate of Brookfield High School, and a graduate from the Dallas School of Embalming and Institute of Mortuary Science in Dallas, TX. On April 14, 1967, he married Karen Lee Heath in Marceline, MO.

Wes owned and operated the Bowden-Rhodes Funeral Home and Ambulance service for years; he was a member of the Brookfield Fire Department for 54 years; he served Linn County as the Coroner for several years; he was a past member of the Brookfield Township Board; past member of the Linn County 4-H-FFA Fair Board; Brookfield Senior Center Board; Rose Hill Cemetery Board; Linn County Sheriff Deputy; Linn County 9th Circuit Juvenile Transport Officer and he was a truck driver.

Wes is survived by his wife Karen of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Robin Rhodes; grandson, Nicholas and wife Skyler; granddaughter, Sarah Tate; brothers, Art Rhodes and Bill and Cindy Rhodes; sister-in-law, Margie and Chuck Craig; brother-in-law, Vernon and Connie Heath; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Travis Heath.

Per his wish's cremation will take place. Arrangements are under the direction of Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO.

Visitation to Celebrate the life of Wes Rhodes will be held at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Brookfield, MO; on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 10:00 am. to 12:00 pm. Inurnment will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Brookfield, MO.

Wes was a big supporter of his grandson's career as an Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor for Green City FFA and memorial donations have been requested to Green City FFA, payable to Green City R-I and can be left at or mailed to the Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, MO. 64628.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Park Circle Drive
Brookfield, MO 64628

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life Visitation

APR 25. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
300 S. Main Street
Brookfield, MO 64628

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Will miss seeing and visiting With Wes.

Mary A Carpenter - April 21 at 12:29 PM

RS

“ So very sorry. Wes has held our families' hands on both sides for so many years with compassion and caring in difficult times. He helped us through as did everyone at Rhodes. Eternal thanks.



Regina Shultz - April 20 at 09:59 PM

TF

“ Sorry for your loss, thoughts & prayers for you all.

The Collier Family - March 11 at 06:56 PM

RA

“ Rosemary Allen lit a candle in memory of Owen "Wes" Wesley Rhodes



rosemary allen - March 11 at 09:07 AM

CS

“ *Cindy Sherman lit a candle in memory of Owen "Wes" Wesley Rhodes*



cindy sherman - March 11 at 12:48 AM

DM

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Rhodes family.*



Darla Miller - March 10 at 08:44 PM

JG

“ *Wes was a proud member of the Brookfield Fire Department and someone many of us in the fire service looked up to. He served this community for decades and was always willing to help when people needed it most. I'll always remember his sense of humor and the way he could make people laugh even during serious moments. It was an honor to serve in the same department as him. He will be greatly missed.*



Justin Griffin - March 10 at 10:49 AM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss he was a wonderful person and will be missed by many.



Jeanne Mitchell - March 10 at 10:13 AM

MC

“ So very sorry to hear of you loss.

Mary A Carpenter - March 10 at 07:32 AM

PH

“ So sorry for the loss of your father Roger he was one of a kind will be greatly missed. Phillip Hill

Phillip Hill - March 09 at 11:01 PM

RR

Will always remember his kindness.

Rhonda Robinson - March 10 at 06:10 AM

LW

So very sorry for your loss! I've known Wes since the early 1970's when he ran the ambulance! Will be sadly missed!

Louise Weitzel - March 10 at 10:18 AM

CD

So sorry for your loss. Wes was a great person and always willing to help. He also was a great neighbor.

Cindy Dorrell - March 11 at 03:22 PM