

Russell Ray Correll

June 19, 1940 - January 3, 2020

Russell Ray Correll, age 79, of Kansas City, Missouri left this world on Friday, January 3, 2020, at New Mark Care Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

Visitation will begin at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at the Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, Missouri, followed by a funeral service that will begin at 1:00 PM with Reverend David Blakely officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery, Hamilton, Missouri. Memorial donations may be made to the Missouri Beekeepers Association and left at or mailed to the Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, Missouri. Online registry at www.rhodesfh.com.

Russell was born on his family's farm in St. Catharine on June 19, 1940 to Nathan and Berle (Pearce) Correll. He graduated from Brookfield High School, after which he attended the University of Missouri for a short time. He moved to Kansas City in 1960 where he then got a job working for General Motors in manufacturing. Russell was also a savvy real estate entrepreneur who owned and operated a successful rental property business.

Russell was an avid fan of the arts. He was an ongoing contributor to the Kansas City Symphony. He was also a ballroom dancer and participated in many competitions and events. Russell loved the way dancing made him feel and through these experiences developed some of his closest bonds. A lover

of nature, he enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, and gardening. He was also a member of the Missouri Beekeepers Association.

Russell is survived by his daughters Michelle Ralston, Debbie McClerg, and Deneen Marien. He will be remembered fondly by his many friends and relatives.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Hamilton , MO 64644

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home
216 Linn St.
Brookfield, MO 64628
(660) 258-7221

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Miss you, Daddy, and thinking of the games we shared together. Your voice still guides me through the good times and bad. I wonder if you ever knew just how much I love you, but I know that your love for me and others is immense!



Michelle Correll - May 19, 2024 at 10:21 AM



“ Happy heavenly birthday! June 19th, 2023. You would have been 83 years old. We miss you here on earth. Please watch over us!



Samantha Mixan - June 21, 2023 at 12:49 AM



“ Michelle Correll lit a candle in memory of Russell Ray Correll



Michelle Correll - January 09, 2023 at 06:49 PM

LP

“ About 30 years ago I had the honor of going deer hunting at Russell's place in St Catherine, Missouri. He was always such a gentleman and so thoughtful and so kind. He came into my life at a time when I just needed a good friend and that he was. I'm glad that I got to know him. The world's sure needs more people like him.

Laura Pegg - April 01, 2022 at 06:26 PM

CO

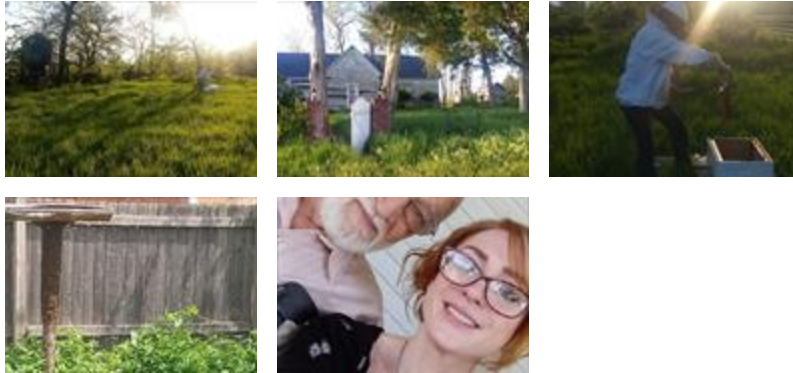
“ When mutual friend introduced Russell and I neither of us knew how much we had in common, how much or we had to learn from each other. I didn't yet know how much our chance meeting would eventually mean to me. Russell was a great friend. He taught me many things and inspired me to be a lifelong beekeeper. He had an artists heart forever appreciating beautiful moments past and usually ready to capture another. He seemed most himself on the farm or in the garden, picking green onions, flowers or harvesting honey. He loved to give these as thoughtful gifts to his neighbors nurses and friends. He was amazing that way. Russell told me that life wouldn't be mean much with out music, dance, and flowers. He spent this last year celebrating those things often. I will always be grateful that I had the opportunity to get to know Russell and to call him my friend.

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me” (Ps. 23:4, ESV).

Collin - January 09, 2020 at 11:26 AM

CO

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Collin - January 09, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ I remember spending evenings as part of the Friends of the Symphony and enjoying the Symphony music. Attending the elegant Symphony Ball. Russell paid for dance lesson so we could participate in the Heart of America Championships. I remember Russell everytime I dance. Russell had a generous heart, he will be missed.

Anne Wilson - January 09, 2020 at 08:29 AM

DM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



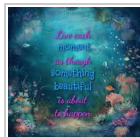
Deborah McClurg - January 08, 2020 at 10:32 AM

DM

“ *My Dad loved the outdoors especially being at the farm in which he was born and raised. Bees, fishing, riding his motorcycle, ballroom dancing, cooking and home improvements were things that he loved to do.*

He loved being with family and friends most of all. I will miss him dearly and look forward to seeing him again in future as I know he and Grandma and Grandpa will be waiting patiently to greet me. His loving daughter, Deborah Irene Correll (McClurg)

Deborah McClurg - January 08, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Michelle Correll - January 08, 2020 at 07:58 AM

JE

“ When I met Russell he was looking for someone to help him with his computer. He'd heard that I was good at these things and it wasn't long before he hired me to be his personal IT person.



I would visit him frequently and as I was organizing his files or fixing broken applications, he would tell me stories. He liked to tell me about the bees that he kept and show me the garden that he tended out back. Sometimes he would send me home with beets or turnips that he grew.

Russell was very thoughtful and generous. He once invited me over for breakfast that he made himself, complete with honey that he'd harvested from his bees. As I got to know him, it was evident that Russell was a person who cared about being kind to other people. He's going to be missed.

Jessica - January 08, 2020 at 03:54 AM



Thank you, Jessica. He talked about times like this with people he'd met. He loved being able to share moments like this with others.

-- Michelle Correll-Ralston, daughter

Michelle Correll - January 08, 2020 at 07:55 AM

JM

As cousins in a large and close family, we grew up together. We shared many family dinners and often went together to help care for the family cemetery. He will be missed.

Joan Correll Martin

Joan M Martin - January 08, 2020 at 11:56 AM

SA

“ *Until we dance again, you will be missed.* ”



Samantha - January 08, 2020 at 03:29 AM

SM

“ *He was a good man and will be missed.* ”

Steve McClurg - January 07, 2020 at 07:48 AM

BC

“ *Bert Correll lit a candle in memory of Russell Ray Correll* ”



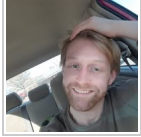
Bert Correll - January 06, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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“ *Deneen Ann Marien lit a candle in memory of Russell Ray Correll* ”



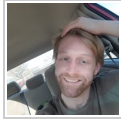
Deneen Ann Marien - January 05, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *Nicholas Bretl lit a candle in memory of Russell Ray Correll*



Nicholas Bretl - January 05, 2020 at 08:58 PM



No good person is ever truly gone... he will forever live on in the hearts and memories of those who loved him.

Nicholas Bretl - January 05, 2020 at 09:14 PM

LD

Sending deepest sympathy for your loss, during this very sad time. His wishes are being fulfilled, I'm sure. Love Aunt Lil.

Lil Davison - January 05, 2020 at 10:20 PM

BC

Sorry for your loss, Russell and I grew up together in Brookfield. He will be missed. Bert Correll

Bert Correll - January 06, 2020 at 10:53 AM