

Michael E. "Mike" Summers

June 15, 1948 - August 11, 2011

JOPLIN, MO - Michael E. "Mike" Summers, age 63, Joplin, Mo., began his life on June 15, 1948, in Kansas., and passed from this life in Kansas. on Thursday Aug. 11, 2011, at 5:55 a.m., at the Golden Living Center in Pittsburg, Kan., following a courageous battle with cancer.



Mike was born in Iola, Kan., the son of the late Eldon Summers and Bonnie (Lauderback) McCune. He has been a resident of Joplin for the past 45 years.

He worked for ICI for 30 years and worked as a counselor for Spring River Wellness & Mental Health for the past eight years.

He was a member of the St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Mike enjoyed bass fishing. He was a former member of Big Mo. Bass Club, the Tri County Husband & Wife Fishing Club, and was also a member of the Ozark Wilderness Dulcimer Club.

He married Johna Stehm on March 16, 1967, in Duenweg, Mo., and she survives.

Additional survivors include, one daughter Shelly Phillips and husband. Eddie, Springfield, Mo.; three brothers, Doug Summers, Waggoner, Okla., Steve Cochran, Beaver Falls, Pa., and Kerry Cochran, Parkersburg, W. Va.; and three grandchildren, Beau, Kyndall, and Karsyn Phillips.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Mason-Woodard Chapel. Pastor George Triplett will officiate. Burial will be in Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery. The pallbearers will be Steve Hubler, Howard Reding, Erran Divine, Jess Poindexter, Tim Wilson and Adam Bell.

The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. Monday until service time. Arrangements are under the direction of Mason-Woodard Mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.

Online condolences may be made at www.masonwoodard.com