



Fred Mills Bahr

May 4, 1939 - September 2, 2018

Fred M. Bahr, age 79, of Topeka, KS passed away on Sunday, September 2, 2018 in Eureka, KS after an extended illness. Fred was born on May 4, 1939 in Topeka, KS, to Carroll Bahr and Grace (Herman) Bahr.

Fred graduated from Topeka High School in 1957 then briefly attended Washburn University. He then worked for a number of years for the State of Kansas. In 1960, Fred began a 6 year enlistment in the U.S. Navy, where he was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Columbus and the U.S.S. Wilhoite. Fred served his time with the Navy patrolling the Pacific, including Vietnam. Fred was a member of several car clubs and he enjoyed antique car shows. He drove his own antique truck when participating in hometown parades and even as an extra in the movie "Cross of Fire." Fred also had a passion for swap meets; he would buy, sell, trade or just talk your ear off. Spreading a chuckle was always on his to-do list. He always had some little bag of surprises of odd gadgets to hand out to family and friends.

Fred is survived by wife, Mary Bahr; step-children, Robert Gaddis and wife Mary of Jay, OK and Marla Bailey and husband Chris of Hoyt, KS; grandchildren, Steven Gaddis, Cassidy Bailey, Alexis Bailey and Nicole Biteniks; great grandchildren; Serenity Gaddis and Charleigh Miller; nieces, Michelle Bonjour and husband Dale and Christy Dunn; nephews, Mark Bebermeyer and Kelley Bebermeyer.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers Donald and Earl Bahr; sister, Beverly Bebermeyer; nephew, Greg Bahr and stepson, Ed Gaddis.

The family will greet friends on Friday, September 7, 2018 from 4-6 p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard KS. Interment will take place at Memorial Park Cemetery in Topeka Kansas at a later date. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. The family has requested memorials to go to the Fred Bahr Memorial in care of West Elk Schools and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington – PO Box 1233, KS 67349.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery - Topeka

3616 SW 6th Ave,
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Visitation

SEP 8. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Parker-Price Funeral Home
245 NW Independence
Topeka, KS 66608

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Fred & my husband were on the USS Wilhoite together. They patrolled the coast of VietNam. For the past few year we had the privilege of visiting with Fred & Mary at the reunions of the USS Wilhoite. Fred was always kind, with a great sense of humour. We are going to miss him. Our prayers are with Mary & family. Please know that Freds name will be mentioned every year at our Memorial Service and the bell range after his name.

Connie & John Mauldin
Yukon, OK

Connie Mauldin - November 12, 2018 at 06:50 PM

TD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Mary and family.

Tracy Decker - September 09, 2018 at 09:44 PM

CC

“ Chip&Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of
Fred Mills Bahr



Chip&Nancy Crum - September 07, 2018 at 07:51 AM

LM

“ Thoughts and prayers to you and yours.

Leisa Meisch - September 06, 2018 at 09:48 AM

SS

“ *Sylvia Spurrier Stites lit a candle in memory of Fred Mills Bahr*



Sylvia Spurrier Stites - September 05, 2018 at 11:00 PM

JC

“ *Judith Clubine lit a candle in memory of Fred Mills Bahr*



Judith Clubine - September 05, 2018 at 06:51 PM

RH

“ *Coffee times at Toots. If he didn't exactly know where a visitor was from outside Kansas he would get down his travel atlas from shelf by restroom and look it up even while the customer was still there. He could carry on a conversation with total strangers and know their family DNA before leaving Toots. Also loved his driving the elk county express in the parades or bringing Mary to Toots. He will be missed as a dear friend.*

Robin and Kathy Haines - September 04, 2018 at 08:03 PM