Mass of Christian Burial

10:00 a.m. Tuesday October 13, 2026

St. George Catholic Church

Linn, Missouri

The Reverend Colin Franklin

Gathering Hymn.....“On Eagle’s Wings”

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading..... Sirach 3:12-15

Responsorial Psalm..... Psalm 23

Second Reading.....Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

Gospel Reading ..... John 14:1-6

Homily ..... Father Franklin

Prayers of the Faithful .....Erin Sprenger

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts ..... “Set Your Heart on the Higher Gift”

Communion .....“Be Not Afraid”

“Body of Christ”

Song of Farewell

Final Commendation

Recessional Hymn..... “How Great Thou Art”

Graveside Service

St. George Parish Cemetery

Participants

Musicians

Paul Katnik

Mary Lou Katnik

Roger Strope

Bob Soltvedt

Craig Branum

Martha Butler

Lectors

Megan Sprenger

Erin Sprenger

Offertory Procession

Delaney Sprenger

Elizabeth Sprenger

Marla Sprenger

Eucharistic Minister

Sharon Sprenger

Servers

Chloe Rikard

Eleanor Schmitz

Olivia Kuschel

Pallbearers

Quinton Sprenger

Dawson Sprenger

Nick Barker

Jacob Frank

Darryl Ruettgers

Josh Angelo

Honorary Pallbearers

Dennis Maurin

Bernell Keilholz

Gary Kloeppel

Gene Ruettgers

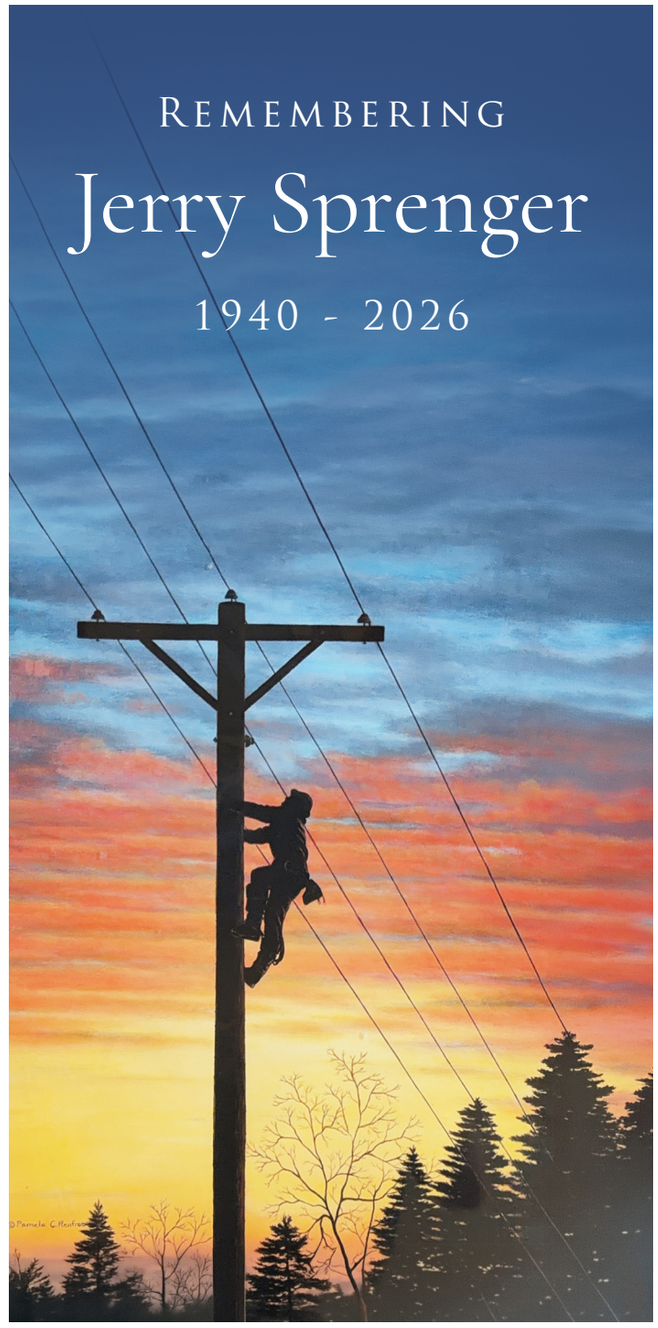
Bob Feller

Donnie Benson

In Appreciation

Jerry’s family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the thoughts, prayers, and many acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time.

Morton Chapel





















Jerome "Jerry" Sprenger, age 86, of Linn, Mo., passed away Monday, October 5, 2026, at Stonebridge Villa Marie in Jefferson City, surrounded by his family.

He was born on September 24, 1940, in Westphalia, Mo., a son of Hugo Stephen and Mary Louise (Fechtel) Sprenger. He was married on June 13, 1964, in Taos, Mo., to Judith H. Fassbinder who survives at the home.

Following his graduation from Linn R-2 High School in 1959, Jerry began his working career with Strope Brick Laying, where he remained until 1961. He then joined Three Rivers Electric, beginning as a laborer before advancing through the ranks to lineman and eventually foreman. Jerry took great pride in his work and dedicated 42 years of faithful service to Three Rivers Electric before retiring in 2003.

In the early years of retirement, he kept busy creating things with his hands. He made special treasures for his grandchildren, including dollhouses, a rocking chair, toy box, and barns, as well as photo frames for friends and family. He also created large wooden nativity scenes for the yard, sharing a little of his Christmas spirit with those around him. His creations became cherished reminders of his way of expressing his love. His Christmas spirit was evident as he played Santa over the years for friends & family. He actually proposed to his wife, Judy, while dressed as Santa producing a ring as her gift.

Jerry was a devoted member of St. George Catholic Church, where his faith remained an important part of his life. He was deeply committed to serving his community and generously gave his time as a volunteer firefighter with the Linn Fire Department. His dedication to public service continued as he later served as President of the Linn Rural Fire Association. Jerry was also a Past Grand Knight of the Linn/Rich Fountain Knights of Columbus, reflecting his strong commitment to his faith, fellowship, and service to others. Through his many years of involvement, Jerry demonstrated a genuine willingness to lend a helping hand and make a lasting difference in the community he proudly called home.

Jerry was a man who found great enjoyment in the simple pleasures of life, especially those that allowed him to spend time outdoors. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, crappie fishing, tending to his garden, and camping. In his younger years, he particularly enjoyed deer and coon hunting, a pastime that brought him many fond memories. Jerry also appreciated the beauty of nature and could often be found watching the hummingbirds that visited his yard. Whether he was casting a fishing line, working in his garden, or simply enjoying the peacefulness of the outdoors, Jerry treasured those moments.

When he wasn't spending time outdoors, Jerry enjoyed cheering on his beloved St. Louis Cardinals. Watching his children and grandchildren play various sports became a favorite part of his life as well. He was an enthusiastic bowler. He even had the opportunity to play in a league with his three sons and his brother, Dan, often winning many trophies. He was an active card player who particularly enjoyed games of pinochle and preference. These games provided countless opportunities for friendly competition, laughter, and fellowship with others.

Throughout his life, Jerry had the opportunity to travel and experience many different places, including New Orleans, Alaska, Nashville, and numerous other destinations. He enjoyed the opportunity to see new sights, experience different surroundings, and create lasting memories along the way. Jerry also possessed a naturally curious mind and a genuine love for learning. He enjoyed researching a wide variety of subjects, always eager to discover something new or gain a better understanding of the world around him. His many interests and appreciation for life's everyday pleasures were a meaningful part of who he was.

Above all else, Jerry's greatest pride and joy in life was his family. He was especially proud of his sons and grandchildren, and nothing brought him greater happiness than watching them grow and succeed. Though a man of few words, his love for his family was evident through his actions, unwavering support, and quiet dedication. To Jerry, family was everything, and the love, values, and memories he shared with them will remain a lasting part of his legacy.

Jerry will be remembered as a hardworking, dedicated man who believed in the value of an honest day's work and a life well lived. He was dependable, steadfast, and always willing to do what needed to be done without expecting anything in return. Jerry leaves behind a lasting example of strength, humility, dedication, and the quiet but meaningful ways a person can make a difference in the lives of others.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Judy; children, Steven Sprenger (Nora) of Jefferson City, Mo., DeWayne Sprenger (Kimberley) of Jefferson City, Mo., and Bruce Sprenger (Sharon) of Linn, Mo.; grandchildren, Megan Sprenger, Erin Sprenger, Delaney Sprenger, Quinton Sprenger, Elizabeth Sprenger, Dawson Sprenger, and Marla Sprenger; and his brother, Dan Sprenger, of Slidell, La.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Hugo and Mary Sprenger; and his brothers, Ron, Stanley and Kenny Sprenger.