

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



While processing to the cemetery, please be sure to turn on your lights and hazards!

A LIFE REMEMBERED



CLYDE "GAIL" DEMAND

JANUARY 27, 1938

JANUARY 1, 2026



Clyde "Gail" Demand

Clyde "Gail" Demand, 87, of Smithton, Missouri, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 1, 2026, at the Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center in Sedalia, Missouri. He was born on January 27, 1938, in rural Smithton, the son of Rodric Demand and Bessie Viola (Momberg) Demand, who preceded him in death.

On June 29, 1963, in Knob Noster, Missouri, Gail was united in marriage to Gwenda Sue Kuhlman, who survives of the home.

Gail attended Ringen Elementary School and later graduated from Smithton High School in 1956. During his high school years, he was active in basketball and baseball, participated in 4-H, and worked alongside his father on the family farm.

Following graduation, Gail began his working career at Dr. Googes Veterinary Clinic. In 1958, he went to work as a rodman for the Missouri Highway Department. In 1959 he was drafted into the United States Army after six months of training at Fort Leonard Wood. Upon returning home, Gail resumed his career with the Missouri Highway Department, where he dedicated 35 years of service and retired as a Senior Construction Inspector. He also proudly served in the National Guard until April of 1981, retiring with the rank of Master Sergeant.

Gail enjoyed hunting and fishing, reading John Grisham novels, and listening to gospel music. Prior to retirement, he and his family spent many summers at the lake, where Gail took great joy in pulling family and friends on water skis and the zip sled, always eager to make sure everyone had a turn.

In addition to his wife, Sue, Gail is survived by three sons, Mitchell Demand (Lorrie), Michael Demand (Renee), and Matthew Demand (Shan); six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Linda Ryan (Pat) of Camdenton, Missouri; a sister-in-law, Alma Demand of San Antonio, Texas; and several beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Gail was preceded in death by a brother, Sylvan Ray Demand; and a grandson, Daniel Levy.

Funeral Service

11:00 a.m.

Friday, January 9, 2026

Rea Funeral Chapel, Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Pastor Jason Veale

Special Music

"How Great Thou Art"

"This World Is Not My Home"

"Go Rest High On That Mountain" - Video Tribute

Interment

Lake Creek Cemetery, Pettis County, MO

Military Honors

United States Army

Pallbearers

Mitchell Demand, Michael Demand, Matthew Demand,
Devan Harms, Mason Demand, Blake Demand

Honorary Bearers

Granddaughters:

Christy Shoemaker, Madison Demand, Autumn Demand

Memorial Contributions

Lake Creek Cemetery Association
Lake Creek United Methodist Church
A charity of the donor's choice