

Gone Fishin'

If someone should ask for me,
tell 'em heaven is where I'll be.
I've finished all my life's chores,
and now I fish on heaven's shores.

The view is grand and the fishing's great,
but I yearn for you as I wait.

I'll save a spot on the river's bend,
for all those, I call family and friend.

But for now, head out to sea
and make a cast in memory,
To all the good times that you had,
with me - your friend, your grandpa ... your dad.

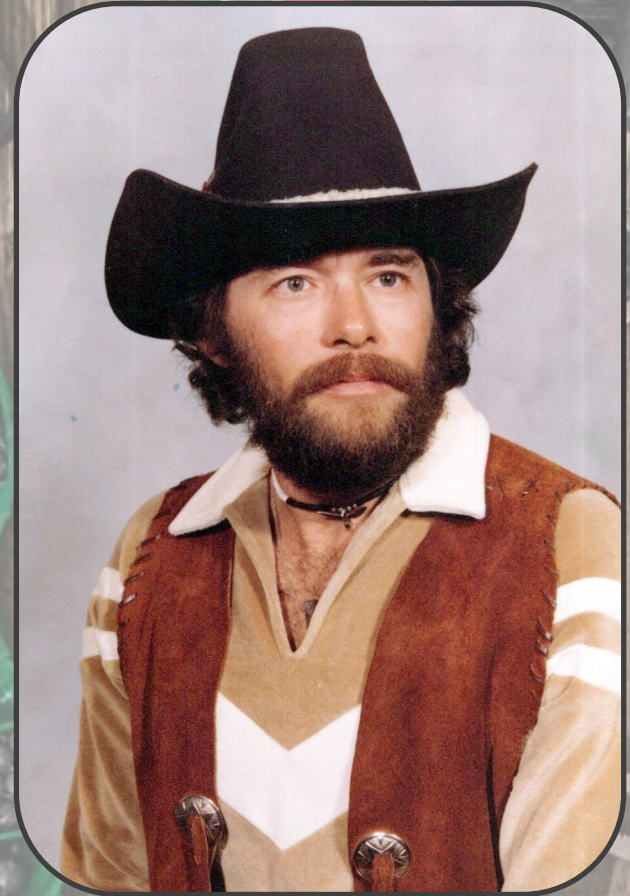
And if the fish no longer bite
or seem no longer worth the fight,
because it's me that you are missin',
don't worry - be glad - I've only gone fishin'.

~ David Ritter



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CHAPEL &
CREMATION SERVICES

In Loving Memory of



Ronald "Dean"
Fockler

November 1, 1944

February 18, 2026

Ronald Dean Fockler

Ronald “Dean” Fockler, 81, of Sedalia, Missouri, passed away on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia. He was born on November 1, 1944, in Sedalia, the son of Lloyd and Virgie (Beard) Fockler, who preceded him in death.

On November 3, 1979, in Sedalia, Dean was united in marriage to Brenda Gail Rogers, who survives of the home.

Dean was raised in Knob Noster, Missouri, and later made his home in Sedalia, where he built a life, a family, and countless friendships. He was a graduate of Knob Noster High School.

In his younger years, Dean managed a gas station before beginning a long career in construction. He retired from Septagon Construction, but retirement didn’t slow him down. Dean continued doing what he loved, lending a helping hand and pouring concrete for his son’s business, Fockler Construction LLC.

Dean was happiest outdoors. He loved fishing, any pond, any time, especially for catfish and crappie. Summers often found him in his garden, no matter the heat, tending to what he grew with pride, especially his tomatoes. And while he might hand you the “worst” of the bunch, it was only because he was saving the best for his salsa. Dean also enjoyed trying his luck with slot machines and lottery tickets. Above all, he was a man of strong faith.

Dean is survived by his wife Brenda and their three children; Misty Heistand (Gary), Dusty Fockler (Nikki), and Stormy Eppes (Cory); and three children from previous marriages: Kipp Fockler (Dawn), Calvin Fockler (Brandi), and Justin Fockler. He is also survived by eight grandchildren: Taylor Eppes, Makayla Fockler, Mason Eppes, Brayden Fockler, Ellie Eppes, Hayden Fockler, Logan Fockler, and Sarah Fockler; two sisters, Cherylene Alexander (Bob) and Roxanna Walters (Vaughn); one brother, Doug Fockler (Terry); and many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, friends, and his beloved dog, Jackson.

In addition to his parents, Dean was preceded in death by two sisters, Debbie Morris and Iris Smith.

Funeral Service

1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Rea Funeral Chapel
Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Pastor Alvin Sipe

Special Music

“Take My Hand Precious Lord”

“Even Though I’m Leaving”

“How Great Thou Art”

“Remember Him That Way” - Video Tribute

Interment

Highland Sacred Gardens
Sedalia, MO

Pallbearers

Mason Eppes, Brayden Fockler, Kolbey Card,
Gage Edwards, Eric Rogers, Nathan Rogers

Honorary Bearers

Taylor Eppes, Makayla Fockler, Ellie Eppes

Memorial Contributions

To the family