



## Richard "Brute" Lawson

June 14, 1957 - September 7, 2025

Richard Lawson of Dittmer, Missouri, was born June 14, 1957 Kirkwood, Missouri to Fred and Victorine "Nan" (nee Godefroid) Lawson and entered into rest surrounded by family on Sunday, September 7, 2025 in Dittmer, Missouri at the age of 68 years.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Nikki Lawson; parents, Fred and Victorine "Nan" (nee Godefroid); siblings, Jerry Lawson and Billy Lawson.

He is survived by his daughter, Sarah (Jason) Derby; siblings, Mike (Tina) Lawson, Kenny (Peggy) Lawson, and Tim (Terri) Lawson; first wife, Cheri Hofferth; cat, Brennan; along with numerous other extended family and friends.

Rick was a hardworking and passionate man who lived life to the fullest. He cherished spending time with his daughters, always being protective of them and holding their bond close to his heart. He found peace in the outdoors and especially loved fishing with Nikki, always appreciating the quiet moments in nature. His career as an iron worker was more than a job—it was his true passion, and he took great pride in his craft. Rick also had a love for Harley motorcycles, both building and riding them. In his younger years, he played football and was a 1976 graduate of Northwest High School. He will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his love of the open road, and the joy

he found in life's simple pleasures.

Memorial Visitation will be held on Friday, October 3, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, Missouri 63016.

Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at [www.stlfuneral.com](http://www.stlfuneral.com) and follow details of this event and others in the community at [www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill](http://www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill

6300 Highway 30

Cedar Hill, MO 63016

(636) 274-4100

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# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Rick’s passing. He was an old friend of mine from House Springs. I wish I could have spent more time with him. God rest his soul-Denny Warner

denny warner - October 02, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Brute" Lawson.

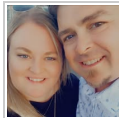


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“ RIP old friend! Rick was one of the most kindest persons I have ever known. We were friends in high school and after until we started having families and life happened. Everyone that has ever known Rick knows what a great person he was. I haven’t seen you in many years my friend but I know that heaven has a special place for you. Thoughts and Prayers to Rick’s family.  
Kerry (Krafve) Stumpf

Kerry Stumpf - September 11, 2025 at 09:59 PM



Thank you for sharing! I love hearing things like this 

Sarah Derby - September 12, 2025 at 06:11 PM



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Brute" Lawson.

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