



Ross Donald Brinkley

August 9, 1931 - July 22, 2023

Ross Brinkley, 91, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 22, 2023. Ross was born on August 9, 1931, to Warren and Mary (Kirk) Brinkley in Kimble, MO. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Glenda (nee Harris), daughter Gloria (Greg) Schuler, and son Dennis (Cathy) Brinkley, his four grandchildren whom he adored: Samuel and Sarah Schuler, and Christian and Daniel Brinkley, and many beloved family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Bobbie Jean (Otis) Tripp, half-brother Howard Brinkley, and stepbrother Teddy Edwards (Marie).

Ross was a machinist and inspector at McDonnell Douglas for 35 years having worked on the F-4 Phantom II, F-15 Eagle, and F-18 Hornet fighter aircraft. He retired as a final quality control inspector responsible for the cockpit.

Ross was a devout Christian who was an active member of First Baptist Church of Crestwood for 63 years. He was a Master Mason for over 50 years, a Shriner, and a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and was honored as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2004 in recognition for his exceptional service to the Rite as a librarian. He volunteered for youth organizations as a DeMolay Advisor and Webelos leader. He was an avid book reader and read the newspaper every day. As a collector, he enjoyed going to Book Fairs, garage sales, and Antique Malls. He

loved Cardinals baseball and rarely missed watching their games. He also enjoyed traveling, canoeing, fishing, camping, hunting, whittling, and planting trees. He left an impact visible from space by planting more than 30,000 pine trees on his family farm near Maples, MO.

Ross will be remembered for his compassion, selflessness, and care for others, whether it was family, friends, co-workers, or strangers and will be dearly missed.

A Memorial Visitation will be held Monday, July 31, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Funeral service on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 10:00 am at Chapel Hill Mortuary, 10301 Big Bend Rd, Kirkwood, Missouri. Graveside service will be Tuesday August 1, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. at Hutchason Cemetery, Highway 63 and Hutchason Road in Kimble, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in memory of Ross Brinkley to Crestwood Baptist Church for Vacation Bible School <https://www.fbccrestwood.org/>. To plant a memorial pine tree in a grove dedicated to his memory, please visit <https://www.treesforachange.com/pages/Ross-Brinkley> Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill

Cemetery Details

Hutchason Cemetery

Hwy 63
Texas County, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood
10301 Big Bend Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 965-8228
info@stlfuneral.com
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

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Interment

AUG 1. 2:30 PM (cst)

Hutchason Cemetery
Hwy 63
Texas County, MO

Tribute Wall

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“ 4 files added to the album Ross



Dennis Brinkley - July 31, 2023 at 11:05 PM

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“ I was very fortunate to have spent time with the entire Brinkley family growing up. Ross was a wonderful man, whom I have many fond memories of. I will always be grateful for the many camping trips, canoe trips, and times I spent at their farm. He will be missed.

Pat Kelley - July 27, 2023 at 08:48 PM

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“ The Kelley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ross Donald Brinkley.

The Kelley Family - July 27, 2023 at 08:38 PM

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“ *The Kelley Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ross Donald Brinkley.*



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