



## Melvin Hazelwood

June 20, 1944 - August 22, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:

Melvin Hazelwood

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – TAMMS

420 Front Street, Tamms, Illinois

Melvin Hazelwood, 78, of Fordyce, AR, formerly of Tamms, passed away Monday, August 22, 2022 at the VA Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas.

He was born June 20, 1944 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Perry Clifford Hazelwood, Sr. and Sadie Marguerite Randall Wade. Melvin was preceded in death by his first wife, Nancy, on May 15, 2003. He then married Joyce (McHarry) on September 4, 2004, and she survives. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Perry Hazelwood, Jr.; and one sister, Jane Hamilton.

Melvin was a member of Beech Grove Baptist Church in Fordyce. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX, where he received his degree in forestry. He loved his profession and the outdoors. Melvin retired from Anthony Timerlands in Bearden where he worked as a forester for 37 years. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force

in security in the Aleutian Islands during the Vietnam War. Melvin was a family man and took pride in organizing the annual Hazelwood Family Reunion.

He is survived by his wife Joyce of Fordyce; one son Russell (Ruth) Hazelwood of Fordyce; daughter, Tracy Green of Maumelle, AR; two grandchildren, Lawson (McKinley) Green of Maumelle, AR and Julia Green of Little Rock, AR; step daughters, Missy Morgan of Wylie, TX and Patty Cortesano of Murray, KY; step son, Dustin (Cory) Bambic of Franklin, TN; 5 step grandchildren, Lilly, Colton, Judah, Elias, and Ruby; and two sisters, Emma Dell Bennett of Tamms, IL, and Sammy (Dennis) Thompson of Affton, MO; one sister-in-law Carmela Hazelwood of Wheeling WV; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Visitation will be on Friday, August 25, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Benton Funeral Home in Fordyce, AR. Funeral services will be Saturday, August 26, 2022 at Benton Funeral Home with Rev. Nathan Petty, Bobby Thornton, and Ed Givens officiating. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 11:00 am at St. John's Cemetery in Dongola, IL. Military honors will be accorded at the cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted with Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, IL.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Cemetery

St Johns Rd  
Dongola, IL 62926

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton Funeral Home  
501 W 4th Street  
Fordyce, AR 71742

## Funeral Service

AUG 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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501 W 4th Street  
Fordyce, AR 71742

## Graveside

AUG 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Cemetery  
St Johns Rd  
Dongola, IL 62926



# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Hazelwood*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM