



Merle L. Poole

April 10, 1939 - February 12, 2016

Merle L. Poole, 76, of Anna died at 11:15 p.m., Friday, February 12, 2016 at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO.

He was born April 10, 1939 in Ullin, Illinois the son of Dennis Leon and Alice Evelyn (Oliver) Poole. He married Sharon Kay Nimmo on August 19, 1960. She preceded him in death on July 19, 2001.

Merle served in the National Guard for 6 years. He spent 20 years working as a truck driver; after that, Merle worked at Holcomb Welding while running a cleaning business with his partner and brother Jack. Merle enjoyed reading science fiction and dining out with his brother; he also loved family get-togethers. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Anna.

He is survived by his son, Dennis (Cindy) Poole of Melbourne, Arkansas; daughter, Sonya Crane of Jonesboro; 13 grandchildren, Derek (Jenna) Lawhead, Lexie Lawhead, Carley Lawhead, Celeste (Robert) Williams, Brady Crane, Kyleigh Hamel, Seth Hamel, Erica McKinney, Lauren Doctorman-Reams Ryan(Ashley) Doctorman, Ashley Poole, Heath Qualls, Hannah Qualls; 5 great-grandchildren, Cade Phillips, Cash Doctorman, Lexie Doctorman, Laney Reams, Hensley Crane; brother, Jack Poole of Cobden; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Merle was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Sharon Poole; daughters, Regina Doctorman, Tonya Lawhead; infant sister, Betty Lou Poole.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Memorial services will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at the funeral home with Rev. Darryl Williams officiating. Inurnment will be private at Big Creek Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Merle L. Poole*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *We are unable to pay our respects on Saturday, but we want the family to know how much we thought of Merle. We went to church with Merle and Sharon, and they were two of the finest people we've known. They were both so sweet. Merle always had a smile on his face and he had a genuine warmth about him. Please accept our deepest sympathy. May wonderful memories fill your hearts.*
~James and Kristin Nance

Kristin Nance - February 18, 2016 at 02:27 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Merle L. Poole.*



February 16, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ *Merle was a great guy!. At one time, he, Sharon and the girls were neighbors (before Denny was born) to my parents, and my parents thought the world of them. Through the years when I would run into Merle he was always up-beat and seemed happy--always had a kind word. So sorry for your loss.*

Paul Echols - February 15, 2016 at 11:23 AM

GJ

Merle was a great cousin! We may have gone months without seeing each other but when we did he always hugged me and gave me a kiss. So sorry for your loss

Geloria Richards Jerrell - February 15, 2016 at 12:20 PM

BW

“ May he rest in peace. From his friend in Wisconsin. Barb Warp

Barbara Warp - February 14, 2016 at 12:42 PM

KL

“ I'm sorry to hear about cousin Merle's Passing. I remember when he was driving a truck if he was close to North little Rock he would stop at my grandmothers (Adel Duckworth)house to visit (my mother and I was living there) we would have the most interesting visits. I also remember when we would go to Ullin to visit Aunt Al, I would visit the girls (Dennis was still very young at the time I don't think he would remember) while mom and mamom would visit the grown ups. We always enjoyed our visits with Merle.



Kathy Lamm and family

Kathy Lamm - February 14, 2016 at 12:29 PM

CB

“ Merle, you were a sweet cousin and I will miss you. It was always nice when you stopped by on your way to or from wherever you were going when you were driving your truck. I enjoyed talking with you on the phone and seeing you and Jack throughout the years and both of your families. You and Sharon were very special people and will be missed. With Love and Prayers to your family. Cindy Brooks

Cindy Brooks - February 13, 2016 at 08:35 PM

DM

“ *Merle was like a Father to me.... He was a GREAT soul..... I will miss him very much. I know he is at Peace now.. Love to all the Family Deb*

Deb Moreland - February 13, 2016 at 06:47 PM

JM

“ *Poe Poe was more of a grandpa to me then either of my own. He and Nanny welcomed Lauren and me every weekend when we were teenagers spoiling us with movies, any snacks we wanted, and the world's best spaghetti!!!. Why anyone would want us mean, teen girls is beyond me but they were both special people who will always hold a very special place in my heart. Poe can finally be with Nanny, something he's wanted since the day she left us.*



Jessica Martin-Bynum - February 13, 2016 at 01:47 PM

KR

To the Pool family, so sorry for your loss. Mike and Karen Richards

Karen Richards - February 13, 2016 at 02:26 PM

JW

Like Cindy I remember you stopping by grandma's in Little Rock when you were running strawberries back up to Illinois. I also appreciate you and Jack coming all the way to mom's funeral back in 05. You will be missed.

James and Cathy Watts - February 13, 2016 at 09:01 PM