



## Willard Merryman

July 12, 1938 - September 17, 2019

Willard Odell Merryman, 81, of Olive Branch, formerly of Mississippi County, Missouri, died Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at Westfield Nursing Center in Sikeston, Missouri.

He was born July 12, 1938 in Dorena, Missouri, the son of Hubert and Dot (Latomandeer) Merryman, He married Shirley Burgess on July 2, 1956 and she preceded him in death on July 17, 2006.

Willard farmed his entire life in Alexander County and Mississippi County. He loved fishing and hunting. He was a member of Miracle Center Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Carol (Joseph) Ramage of Tamms, Michael (Penny) Merryman of Barlow, Keith (Susan) Merryman of Mounds, grandchildren, Michelle, Melissa, Lisa, Chelsea, Kenny, Austin, Raven, and Tyler; great-grandchildren, Kade, Kayley, Kenzie, Kolbi, Ryhett and Andi; sisters, Margie Williams, Geneva Merryman and Annie Rice.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a son, Jerry Merryman, and four sisters, LaVelle VanHouten, Betty Pearson, Vernell Ownes, and Dorothy Garrett.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September

19, 2019, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms.

Funeral services for Willard Odell Merryman will be at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 20, 2019 at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms with Rev. Buddy Walls officiating. Interment will follow at East Prairie Memorial Park in East Prairie, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms  
420 Front St.  
Tamms, IL 62988  
(618) 833-2176  
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## Service

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms  
420 Front St.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Willard Merryman*

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“ *God Bless you Willard..  
Prayers & Blessings to all the Merryman  
family too.*



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