

Eugene L. Stoecklein, 66

Eugene Lawrence Stoecklein, 66, of Pilot Grove, Mo. died Sunday, April 12, 2009 at his home in rural Pilot Grove, surrounded by his family.

Visitation will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pilot Grove on Tuesday, April 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. with a prayer service to be held at 7:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the church with burial to follow at St. Joseph's cemetery.

Gene was born May 30, 1942 in Pilot Grove, the son of Andrew "Gump" and Frances "Fat" Stoecklein, the second of seven children.

He married Janet Boehm on Oct. 20, 1962. They were the parents of three children,

Kimberly Ann Townlain of Pilot Grove, Bradley Eugene Stoecklein of Macon and Andrew Joseph Stoecklein of Eldon.

Gene farmed outside of Pilot Grove where he raised cattle, horses and crops. He also worked construction most of his life, as owner and operator of Stoecklein Contractors. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic parish, Pilot Grove Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, Missouri Cattle-men's Association and Construction Welfare Union 966.

He enjoyed annual summer fishing trips with his family to Lake Tanneycomo, taking care of his cattle and spending time with his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Joan Malir; one brother, Bill; and one grandson, Tony Townlain.

He is survived by his wife Janet of the home; daughter Kim (Jim) Townlain; sons Brad (Suzy) Stoecklein and Andy (Rhonda) Stoecklein; six grandchildren: Dustin and Matt Townlain, Ryan and Katy Stoecklein and Dalton and Marysa Stoecklein; and one stepgrandson, Chris Townlain of Marshall, Mo.. He is also survived by three brothers: Joe (Judy) Stoecklein of Pilot Grove; Dennis (Donna) Stoecklein of Macon; and Steve (Vicki) Stoecklein of Barry, Texas; and one sister, Linda (Jack) Byars of Irmo, S.C.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Catholic Church and School or Community Hospice, c/o Meisenheimer Funeral Home; P.O. Box 35; Pilot Grove, Mo. 65276.