



Cannon, Howard Lee

1945-2023

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Howard Lee Cannon, 78, went to be with our Lord on Saturday July 1, 2023, in Decatur, surrounded by his family.

Howard was born on May 5, 1945, in St. Louis, Missouri. He was the fourth born to Noel William Cannon and Lola Leona Richardson Cannon. Howard, his parents and other siblings moved to Rockford, Illinois, where he grew up and raised his family.

Howard was a beloved husband, father, grandpa, great-grandpa, brother and friend to many. He left us all too soon. He is and will be truly missed and loved by all his family and friends.

Howard was united in marriage to Alma Patricia Rose on Sept. 7, 1963. They were married 59 years and were high school sweethearts. They have known each other since they were about 9 years old when they met at church. They have two daughters, the oldest, Noelle Cannon and fiancé, Benjamin Hutchison, of Gainesville, Missouri, and Andrea Cannon Gish and husband, Jason, and their family in Kalama, Washington.

Howard is survived by his four grandchildren, Heather Cannon and fiancé, Joel Binford, of Gassville, Arkansas, Cameron Cannon of Kalama, Washington, Sabrina Gish Mansur and husband, Kyle Mansur, of Kalama, Washington and Tabitha Gish of Kalama, Washington; four great-grandchildren, Kolton, Hunter Cannon, Emma and Katie Mansur; his brothers, Charles Cannon of Ada, Oklahoma, and Kenneth Cannon of Decatur; sisters, Lavon Moran of Cleburne and Margaret Jordan of Sunset; and many nieces, nephews with their families and friends.

Howard and his family lived in Rockford, Illinois, before moving to Puxico, Missouri; Rayne, Louisiana; Decatur; Renfrew, Pennsylvania; LaCenter, Washington; and then retired to Wasola, Missouri. Howard was self-employed as a machinist for many years in Illinois. In Missouri, he was a business owner, and then worked with graphite in Louisiana, Texas, Pennsylvania and Washington. He then retired as a realtor in Missouri.

Howard enjoyed spending time with his wife, grand and great-grandchildren, and family going to car shows, working on his antique cars, going to barn/estate sales, teaching his great-grandsons to fish and cooking.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alma Patricia Rose Cannon; his son, Eric Lee Cannon; his parents, Noel and Lola Cannon; his youngest brother, Glen Cannon; his great-grandson, Brighton Eric Gish; and his in-laws, Lehman and Alma Rose.

Celebration of life will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at Oak Grove United Methodist Church located at 1925 Old Greenwood Road, Decatur, TX 76234.

Officiant will be John Featherston.