

## **Rev Edward "Red" Ruble**

Edward "Red" Ruble, son of William Earl and Effie Mae Ogle Ruble, was born November 16, 1933, in Brownfield, Missouri and put the troubles of this world behind to enter his Heavenly home March 23, 2021, at his home in Lebanon, Missouri, with his loving family by his side.

Red, as he was known to family and friends, made a profession of faith as a young boy, while attending Crossroads Freewill Baptist Church. Red remained a member of Crossroads, until his passing. He lived his life as a devoted Christian servant and surrendered to the ministry fifty-seven years ago. During his ministry, he was able to pastor to his childhood church, as well as numerous other churches in the community over the years, including New Home, Gardner, Sunnyview, Pleasant View, Second Freewill Baptist and North 5 Freewill Baptist. Red made many life long friends as a pastor. He deeply loved his church families and treasured their love support and prayers.

On February 16, 1955, Red was united in marriage with the love of his life, Betty Joan Griffin. Together Red and Betty shared sixty-six years of love and wonderful memories, while raising their four children, Terry, Teddy, Theresa and Tracy. They became synonymous through the years, it was rare to see one without the other. They loved each other completely.

As newlyweds, Red and Betty lived in Yakima, Washington, where they worked together in an apple orchard. They later returned to Lebanon, where Red began working for Coca-Cola Bottling Company. He was a delivery driver and later became the route and sales manager at Ft. Leonard Wood. Red was employed with them for thirty-nine years. He then began working for Laclede County Road and Bridge, where he remained for twelve years. He delivered fuel to grader operators and worked in equipment maintenance. Those who worked with Red over the years, appreciated his professionalism and expertise.

Red loved people, and believed everyone should enjoy a good laugh. He loved a good practical joke. He also enjoyed tending to his garden and fishing. The stories of his Canada fishing trips were endless and he enjoyed sharing them with his grandchildren, as much as they enjoyed hearing them. However, nothing compared to the time spent and memories shared with his family. He loved them completely and unconditionally.



He leaves to celebrate his home going, his wife Betty Joan of the home; children, Terry Ruble and his wife Wendy of Montreal, MO, Teddy Ruble and his wife Vanessa, Theresa Kinsley and her husband Harvey and Tracy Poole, all of Lebanon, MO; thirteen grandchildren; thirty-four great-grandchildren; one brother, Nathan Ruble of Lebanon, MO; two sisters, Opal Plummer of Lebanon, MO and Jolene Pruitt and her husband John of Richland, MO; other relatives and many friends.

Red was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Milan Ruble; son-in-law, Jeff Poole; sister-in-law, Judy Ruble; brother-in-law, Larry Weddle; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Lee and Bonnie Griffin.

He was a devoted husband, loving father, attentive grandfather, cherished brother and loyal friend. He knew the importance of faith over fear and lived his life accordingly. Aren't we the lucky one's to have known someone that makes saying "see you later," so difficult. Thank the Lord for the promise of Heaven.

His Lord said unto him, "Well done good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. ~Matthew 25:23

Funeral services for Edward "Red" Ruble were held Saturday, March 27 at Shadel's Colonial Chapel with David Douglas, Scotty Myers and Tim Blankenship officiating followed by burial at the Crossroads Cemetery. Visitation the previous evening.

Under the guidelines of the CDC and the state of Missouri, the staff of Shadel's Colonial Chapel ask that you observe social distancing and proper hygiene. The family asks for their safety and the safety of others, that masks be worn. Those guidelines will be monitored during this time to accommodate the family and their wishes.

Memorials have been suggested to Crossroads Cemetery. Donations may be left at or mailed to Shadel's Colonial Chapel, P.O. Box 948 or 1001 N. Lynn, Lebanon, MO 65536