

## Obituary

**Born:** Monday, March 27, 1939

**Died:** Saturday, June 3, 2017

Donald Anthony Opitz, a 78 year old Jamesport resident, passed away at 4:46, a.m., Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Cameron Regional Hospital in Cameron, MO.

His body is to be cremated under the direction of Whitaker Eads Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., Saturday June 10, 2017 at 1005 South Grant, Gallatin, MO. Memorial donations are suggested to the Hillcrest Manor in Hamilton, MO.

Donald Opitz was born March 27, 1939 in Chicago, IL, the beloved son of the late Louis and Beatrice Rogers (Misskelly) Opitz. He was employed at Jewell Food Stores in Chicago, IL. He also owned and operated with his son Don the Cedarwood Restaurant. As a young boy Don spent his summers on his grandfather's farm south of Jamesport where he developed a love for rural Missouri life. Big Don, also lovingly know as King Kong to his family and friends loved living on his farm in Hickory, MO where he enjoyed fishing and hunting. Don was a unique man who enjoyed the outdoors and was an adamant collector of his hero John Wayne and was a friend to all.

He is survived by his daughter Susan Michet and husband Robert, son Donald Von Opitz and wife Nancy of Gallatin, MO, son Michael Opitz and his wife Cindy, daughter Nancy Opitz, daughter-in-law Jamie Opitz, brother Louis Opitz and wife Carol, sister Belinda Misskelly, grandchildren Ryan, Abbie, Grace, Eric and wife Cindy, Michael, Adam, Dakota, Carter and Sarah, great granddaughter Lilly, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Those preceding him in death include his parents, son Steven, and an infant son Eric.

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## Service Summary

### Memorial Service

2:00 PM Sat Jun 10, 2017

Location: - *Not available* -