



Vince Eugene French

November 3, 1946 - June 6, 2018

Vince Eugene French, 71, of Bath, Illinois passed away at 11:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. He was born on November 3, 1946 in Springfield, Illinois to George Provine French Sr. and Lucille Crouch French. He married Lois Elizabeth Nall on September 6, 1969 at Kilbourne Baptist Church.

Vince was preceded in death by his parents, brother George Provine French Jr., sister Joanne French Jestafie, and brother James French Sr. He is survived by his wife, Lois, brother Terry Fairclough, sister Linda (Fairclough) Theole of Cantrell, brother Ernie Cox of Springfield, and Andrea Cox of Bethalto.

Vince was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Chandlerville. He served for 3 years in the U.S. Army as a tank mechanic. He was awarded the Purple Heart in 1971 and two Bronze Stars. Vince was employed at Caterpillar in Mossville for 31 ½ years as a cylinder honing machinist before becoming a minister. He became an ordained minister on November 28, 1999. He served to shut ins at home and area nursing homes for 14 years. He was also song leader at Bethel Baptist Church and served as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Virginia for four years. After retirement he was a very good witness. Vince enjoyed art and music. He was an avid Elvis fan and loved the Chicago Cubs.

A visitation will be held on Monday, June 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Chandlerville. Funeral services will be held

immediately following the visitation at 11:00 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church. Rev. Mike Hopps will officiate. Burial will be held at Bethel Cemetery in Chandlerville.

Memorial donations can be made in Vince's name to Bethel Baptist Church. Online condolences can be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

11500 ECR 320N
Chandlerville, IL 62627

Tribute Wall



“ *Vince Eugene French*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Brian Royer lit a candle in memory of Vince Eugene French*



Brian Royer - June 11, 2018 at 07:11 AM



“ *Cheryl lit a candle in memory of Vince Eugene French*



Cheryl - June 10, 2018 at 09:51 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Vince passing. Our condolences and prayers are with you and the family Lois. We followed his thoughts on Facebook. We will miss him!*

Eddie and Cathy Haage

Eddie Haage - June 10, 2018 at 01:19 PM

JH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Vince's passing. He will be missed by many. He is surrounded by God's glory now and I'm sure he's singing with the angels. May he rest in peace. With our deepest condolences.

Jon& Tammie Higginbotham - June 10, 2018 at 11:15 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



T - June 08, 2018 at 05:25 PM

SH

Vince you will be missed so very much. I will never forget your Elvis impersonation, it was wonderful and so much fun. But Lee and I will miss your kind words, laughter and the love you showed everyone. Lois, we love you too and pray you find peace. Love always, Lee & Sherry Nelson

Sherry - June 10, 2018 at 09:23 PM

TS

“ i have alot of good memories, was always kind, always welcomed me to services with a smile and some of my best memories came from him and his wife taking me to shut in ministries on weekdays, those were some of the best memories i had as a kid.. he will be very missed, years have passed now and i still have a picture of both of them and prayers are said every night for him and his wife always, my deepest condolences to family and close friends.. Vince never knew a stranger..



Tina Squires - June 08, 2018 at 12:48 PM

TS

“ Tina Squires lit a candle in memory of Vince Eugene French



Tina Squires - June 08, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ He will be missed. You are in our prayers Lois

Gene Bingham - June 08, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vince Eugene French.



June 07, 2018 at 10:35 PM

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“ OUR SYMPATHY FROM CHANDLERVILLE FRIENDS-MILTON AND HAZEL EDGE

HAZEL EDGE - June 07, 2018 at 10:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Vince Eugene French.



June 07, 2018 at 09:22 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Vince Eugene French.



June 07, 2018 at 08:25 PM