



Carlos "Cork" Boswell

August 20, 1942 - March 19, 2024

Carlos "Cork" Laverne Boswell entered into rest on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at the age of 81 Years, 6 Months, and 29 Days. He was born Aug. 20, 1942, in Wentachee, WA, a son of the late Harry and Shirley (Carr) Boswell. On October 8, 2016, he was united in marriage to Mary Lou (Dunlap) Boswell who survives. Cork is survived by his 4 children, his three daughters Donna and husband Phillip French of Ironton, Cheryl and husband Dennis Poe of Barlow, Ky., Gina and husband Doug Dotson of Farmington, a son Robert Boswell of Fredericktown, and his step son James "Bud" Stapleton of Farmington. He also survived by one brother Keith Boswell of Chico, Ca, and one stepsister Terri Reeves of Redding, Ca. Carlos is survived by his grandchildren's, Travis, Eric, Sandy, Joshua, Debbie, Sarah, Ashley, Mike, Brandon, and his 18 great grandchildren. Carlos is preceded in death by his parents and his first wife Dorothy (Karels) Boswell.

Cork was an exceptional individual; both his talents and personal characteristics set him above the average man, and his heart of gold allowed him to continually give freely of himself. As a husband, his duties to love in all ways never faltered. He took care to be an outstanding provider, consistently willing to put his needs last. His adoration for his wife knew no bounds, and his greatest concern was always for the happiness and wellbeing of his partner.

As a father, he endeavored to impart his wisdom, moral character, and how to love life and people to his children. He taught them to honor and respect their

mother, as well as others in the world. He shared with them his enthusiasm for games, fishing, the outdoors, celebrations, and so much more. He fully engaged himself and all of his strength to his children, wanting most of all their individual contentment and peace of mind.

His patriotism and loyalty to those he served with enabled him to become one of the most excellent soldiers of the United States will ever see. His bravery and leadership in Vietnam were awarded with 3 bronze stars, a true hero. He would go onto obtain the honorable rank of Major, serving his beloved country for 20 years.

Cork, the everyday man, was always generous with his time, talents, money, and was ready and willing to help no matter the need. Many of his skills and abilities were self-taught, including carpentry, plumbing, electrical work and cooking. He never met a challenge he wasn't willing to meet head on.

Between his hard work and perseverance, whatever he put his hand to, he mastered. Cork also had a great sense of humor and bubbly personality. Everywhere he went he lifted up the world. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and love him.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Arcadia Valley Memorial Park cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to be made to the Wounded Warriors Project in honor of Retired Major Carlos "Cork" Boswell.

Cemetery Details

Arcadia Valley Memorial Park

Russellville Road
Ironton, MO 63650

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

WH

“Cork, I still remember when we were little kids in the 40's. We bickered incessantly, about everything, and drove everybody else nuts! Finally, our fathers put us in a little circle facing each other and said “Fight”. “Come on - Fight”! We stood there looking at each other, then we both started bawling and neither one of us would raise a fist toward the other. I've considered you a good friend ever since. You went into the military even before you were of legal age as a private no-class and graduated 20 years later as a Decorated Field-Grade Officer. You handled every tough school and assignment, during war and peace, that the Army had, including flight training. I've always been so proud of your accomplishments. And, you always found time and a way to help others. Once when my father was building a house, you with one of your children(?), used your annual vacation, spent extensive time with my dad and helped him on his house building project. When my mother was coming out to visit me, she insisted of stopping by to visit Corky. It was very important to her. I picked her up at your house. She died three months later. I know that my folks loved you every bit as much as they did any of their own children. I wish you and I could have visited more, particularly this last year. Cork, give my mom and 'our' grand-ma a big hug for me. I anticipate seeing you soon. You are a good friend and an exemplary American.

Love you Cuz -
Wendell

Wendell Hobson - March 27, 2024 at 02:56 PM

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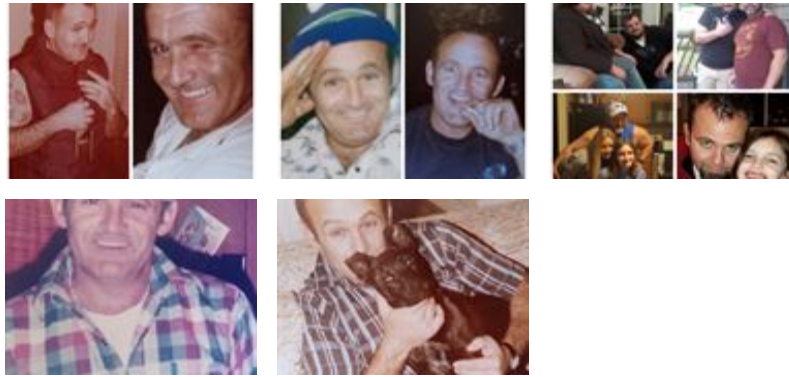
“ Marie Hartmann purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carlos "Cork" Boswell.



Marie Hartmann - March 26, 2024 at 12:24 PM



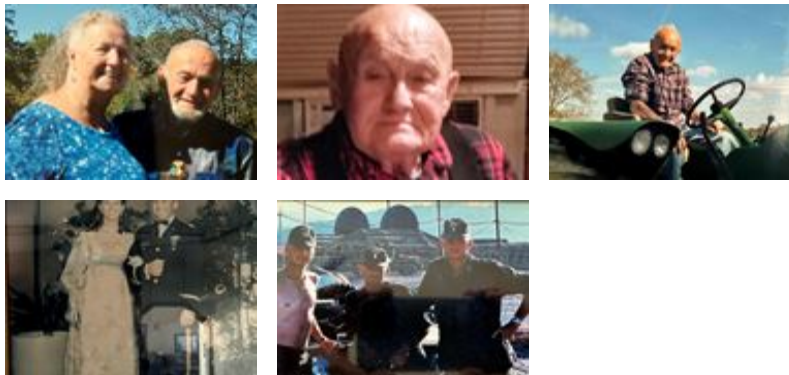
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Cole Family Funeral Home - March 25, 2024 at 01:39 PM



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Cole Family Funeral Home - March 23, 2024 at 11:42 AM

LB

Cork aka Tumbleweed was the epitome of an American patriot, friend and family man. I am so glad our paths crossed and honored to have served in combat with him. He was brave, compassionate and had a heart of gold. God bless his family and special love to Mary. Cork, I know we will meet again.

Larry Boecklen - March 24, 2024 at 12:57 PM

CP

Thank you, Larry. I can honestly say, Dad felt the same about you. All of our lives were richer for knowing you! God bless you always! Cheryl Poe, Corks daughter

Cheryl Poe - March 25, 2024 at 11:39 AM

OB

“ Some people pass thru our life and quickly go away. Others leave foot prints on our hearts that never go away. Thanks for the footprints Corky. . We will never forget you. Rest In Peace. Love Sue and Bill Oberli

oberli - March 22, 2024 at 07:26 PM

CP

Bill and Sue, The two of you also made an indelible imprint on my daddy's heart. For which he was blessed and grateful. Having meet you I now understand why. You are both so loving, kind and thoughtful. As his daughter, it is my joy and privilege to know you. Thank you for your love and prayers. Cheryl

Cheryl Poe - March 25, 2024 at 11:43 AM

TB

“ Travis B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carlos "Cork" Boswell.

Travis B. - March 21, 2024 at 11:51 AM