Muscotah, KS

Garry Joe Newquist, 86, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2022, after a short battle with cancer.

Garry was born in Cawker City, Kansas, to parents Frank Newquist and Ruth (Watson) Blide, on January 30, 1936. He married his high school sweetheart, Judy Donker, on February 15, 1958. They moved to Effingham, Kansas, where they raised three children. They were later divorced.

During his lifetime, Garry was in several different lines of work. He was in sales and shipping at We-Mac Manufacturing in Atchison, he trained as an EMT and operated the ambulance service in Atchison for a time, and he served as a correctional officer at the state prison in Hutchinson. He was an excellent cook, specializing in barbeque ribs, brisket and pork. He catered numerous events and operated several restaurants over the years.

As a life-long dog lover, he doted on his beloved schnauzers after retirement. He was an avid gardener and would end each season with truckloads of produce to share with family and friends. His skills as a craftsman resulted in beautiful furniture, cabinetry and other decorative wood objects.

Garry was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two stepsisters. Survivors include his three children, Tonnie (Joe) Furjanic, Bill (Glenda) Newquist, and Tammy Newquist (Dee Cameron); grandchildren Ryan and Rachel Newquist; step grandchildren Matt (Jen) Furjanic and Melanie (Dave) Ryan; three step great-grandchildren; and one stepsister.

The family will receive visitors on Monday, September 26, 2022, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Becker Dyer Stanton Chapel, 800 Kansas Avenue, Atchison, Kansas. A graveside memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at the Evergreen Cemetery, Effingham, Kansas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Humane Society of Atchison, or the Muscotah United Church and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.beckerdyer.com