

*God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives though;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love...*

**In Loving Memory
Lester Carl Taffner
Born**

February 22, 1941
Lamar, Missouri

Passed Away
December 2, 2013
Lamar, Missouri

Services
Weng Funeral Chapel

1:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Officiant

Rev. Jerod Lamb

Casket Bearers

Gene Thornburg Joe Gilkey

Jerod Lamb Joshua Lamb

Dean Dockery Matt Schlichting

Burial

Waters Cemetery

**Weng Funeral Chapel
Jasper, Missouri**

Lester Carl Taffner, age 72 of Lamar, MO. passed away at his home, December 2, 2013 after a lengthy illness. Lester was born February 22, 1941 at Lamar, MO. to Carl Asey Taffner and Fern Elizabeth (Walker) Taffner. On December 19, 1960 he married Carolyn (Dockery) Taffner. They were married 52 years. Lester was a retired livestock farmer. In his early days he had a dairy herd, drove a milk truck and loved raising and training horses. He also owned and operated his own gravel truck and worked as a driver for an asphalt paving machine for streets. As a boy he attended the Boston Methodist Church. Lester enjoyed hunting and fishing. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn of the home; his mother Fern Taffner, Nevada, MO; one brother, Jerry Taffner and wife Karen, Lamar, MO; one sister, Peggy Jo Gilkey and husband Joe, Nevada, MO; brother-in-law, Dean Dockery and wife Betty, Sugarland, Texas; three nephews, Jerod Lamb and wife Lisha, Sheldon, MO; Joshua Lamb and wife Abbey, Sheldon, MO; and Stephen Dockery and wife Terrill, Wichita, KS; three nieces, Angie Schlichting and husband Matt, Lamar, MO; Susan Norris and husband Peter, Houston, Texas; and LaDeana Dockery, Wichita, KS; eleven great grand nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death was his father, Carl Taffner. In-laws, Calvin and Mae Dockery, and great niece, Hannah RoseMarie Lamb. Lester loved his family and was especially proud of his many grand nieces and nephews, along with his many cousins. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

