



## Marion "Al" Boatman

January 23, 1945 - May 4, 2023

Marion "Al" Boatman, 78, of Clarksville, MO, passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at the St. Joseph Hospital in St. Charles, MO. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Clarksville Christian Church in Clarksville, MO. The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hanksmeier will officiate. Burial with military honors will be at the Greenwood Cemetery, near Clarksville, MO. Visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 15th at the Clarksville Christian Church.

Al was born on January 23, 1945 in Fountain, Colorado to Charles Boatman and Mary Ultzen Boatman. He married Glenette Cox on July 31, 1969 in Springfield, MO and she survives.

He is also survived by a son, Todd Boatman of Clarksville, MO, 2 daughters, Camille Boatman of Clarksville, MO and Nicole Boatman of Louisville, KY, 6 grandchildren, Adrian Lamb of Colorado Springs, CO, Dr. Kelsey Lamb of Detroit, MI, Ally Boatman-Webb and Sophia Boatman-Webb both of Louisville, KY, Bentley Boatman of Valley, AL, and Brittany Boatman of Austin, TX, and 2 nephews, Aaron and Devon Boatman of California.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Charles Boatman, Jr.

Al enlisted in the U.S Air Force when he was 17. He served his country for 26 years and was honorably discharged on December 30, 1983. After retiring from the Air Force, he felt a calling from God. He was accepted into the Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, KY wanting to follow in his father's footsteps by becoming a minister. He graduated with honors on May 19, 1990. He served churches in Alabama, Kansas, Kentucky, and Missouri. The last churches he served were First Christian Church in Louisiana, MO jointly with Clarksville Christian Church in Clarksville, MO. He retired from First Christian Church after 10 years and continued to serve Clarksville Christian Church for a total of 26 years of faithful service. He retired 3 years ago.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, whether it be making up a pot of his famous chicken and dumplings, or saying let's hitch up the boat there's fish to be caught. He enjoyed planting his sunflowers and tomatoes. Every Spring he would hang the hummingbird feeders and sit for hours watching them play. He also devoted many hours to the VFW assisting in whatever projects or activities were going on. He will be missed by many.

Memorials may be made to the Clarksville Christian Church or to the VFW Post #4610 in Clarksville, MO.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

Pike 235  
Clarksville, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 15.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clarksville Christian Church  
500 S 2nd St  
Clarksville, MO 63336  
(573) 242-3631

## Funeral Service

**MAY 16.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SR

“ I was stationed with Al at Vandenberg Satellite Tracking Station California 1977 to 1979. One of my immediate memories of him from those days is watching him sit at his desk mulling over some unspoken project as he stared into space. Another was going with him on a rattlesnake catch at the station. He was one of the unofficial on-call snakes snatchers up there. He was a good man.

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Steve Rimi - May 29 at 05:47 AM

NB

“ OK, so the Obama fight plate.... Well, I can't remember exactly how long ago it was, but I'm thinking Ally and Sophia were maybe five and seven (old enough to understand what I was doing; they understood the concept of a practical joke.). Well sometime not too long before Christmas that year I was in a discount store and there was this big bin of these Obama commemorative plates for like a dollar. So I immediately bought one and knew I was going to give it to Dad as a Christmas present just as a joke. But as I contemplated giving it to him, I thought of an immensely more wicked idea. I filled in the kiddos, who were wickedly excited, as was I .

When we arrived for Christmas, I took Daddy off to the side and said to him

“OK listen-the kids got you something for Christmas and they are REALLY excited about it, because they bought it with their own money and they are CONVINCED that you're gonna love it... So when you open it, and you see it m, you need to really put on a show about how excited And happy you are and how much you just LOVE it....or they're going to be JUST DESTROYED.”

My goal, and the real practical joke was that I was going to get a picture of my Dad, the loyal Republican, smiling from ear to ear while proudly holding his Barrack Obama commemorative plate. (Which I could later use as blackmail)

Well he put on a great show of excitement through gritted teeth, but was determined to not upset the kids. He acted just as happy as he could until after I got the photo and the kids and I were both rolling in the floor laughing.

But he never threw away that plate...(though he never displayed it proudly)

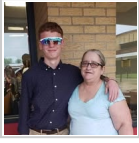
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Nicole Boatman - May 12, 2023 at 05:12 PM

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*That's a great story & memory for you and your family. Condolences to all that knew him.  
I couldn't get the like button to work but I wanted you to know how much I enjoyed your memory of your Dad. ❤️🙏*

Kris - June 27, 2023 at 12:25 PM



“ *Cindy Osborne lit a candle in memory of Marion "Al" Boatman*



Cindy Osborne - May 05, 2023 at 06:29 PM

CM

*Al was a gentleman, always so kind to us.*

Carolyn & Gordon May - May 06, 2023 at 01:33 PM

RB

*Al and I fished together for over 25 years. I will cherish those memories forever. He was my dear friend.*

Robert Baldwin - May 11, 2023 at 12:47 AM