



## Sylvester J. Emmendorfer

May 14, 1928 - May 15, 2019

Sylvester (Syl) J. Emmendorfer, 91, of Perryville, died Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at Independence Care Center.

He was born May 14, 1928 in Perryville, son of Sylvester J. and Beatice R. (Duerr)

Emmendorfer. He was born and raised in the home that is now known as the Perry County Museum.

He and Virginia M. Fadler were married April 15, 1950. She preceded him in death on January 9, 2010.

He is survived by three daughters, Debra (Robert) Prost of Perryville, Karen (Richard) Cattoor of St. Louis, Donna (John) Prost of Perryville; one son, Steven (Debra) Emmendorfer of Plainville, Connecticut and dear friend, Emma Lou Keim of Imperial; thirteen grandchildren, Jared (Sara) Prost, Stephanie (Jason) Dennis, Adam Prost, Allison (Charlie) Eatherton, Christine Cattoor, Wesley (Riana) Cattoor, Briana Emmendorfer, Cheyenne Emmendorfer and Daniel Emmendorfer, Andrew (Kim) Prost, Scott (Mallory) Prost, Lindsay Prost and Danielle Prost and fifteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by wife, Virginia M. Emmendorfer; mother, Beatice Emmendorfer; father, Sylvester J. Emmendorfer; twin brother, Gregory and sister: Mava Rosa Williams.

He was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was well-known for his friendly nature and always met a familiar face wherever he went.

Through the years Sylvester enjoyed fishing, bowling, gardening, working in his yard and was an avid sports fan especially for the Cardinals. He coached his son in Little League baseball and daughters softball teams. He helped build the first dugouts on the Little League diamond.

Sylvester joined the National Guard March 3, 1948 and was a member of the Co B 1140th ENGR MoARNG which most of those years he was a full-time administrative technician. He retired as a sergeant major after 40 years of service.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish which he served through the Holy Name Society, usher association, grounds committee, and St. Vincent School Board. He was also 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and an American Legion member. He was a past member of the Volunteer Fire Department, Park Board, Jaycees, Optimist Club, Bowling Association and Retired National Guard Association.

He was a big supporter of St. Vincent Schools and sports programs. He also coached junior high boys basketball.

Visitation will be held at Ford and Young Funeral Home on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 4:00 - 8:00 and Monday from 6:30 - 9:30 am.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Monday, May 20, 2019 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville with the Rev. Joe Geders officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery with military graveside honors provided

by American Legion and Delta Team.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Vincent School, Kindred Hospice or Birthright.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Young Chapel  
110 S. West St.  
Perryville, MO 63775

## Funeral Mass

MAY **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
1000 Rosati Court  
Perryville, MO 63775

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvester J. Emmendorfer*

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October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Sylvester J. Emmendorfer*

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October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Mr Emmendorfer was a very nice man whom I will remember as a great softball coach. He took extra steps to include players (like me) who couldn't catch a softball, but always felt like a part of the team.*

*Nice Memories,  
Cindy (LaRose) Hetzer*

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**Cindy Hetzer** - May 20, 2019 at 09:35 AM

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“ My condolences to friends and family of SGM (Ret) Emmendorfer. I got to know Syl while I was assigned full time with the Missouri Army National Guard in Perryville. Syl remained a big part of the unit and continued to be a huge supporter years after he retired. I have many fond memories of visiting with him at the Perryville Armory over a cup of coffee, and I enjoyed his stories. He was heavily involved with keeping the area MOARNG retirees together, and was the go-to guy if I ever wanted to know how to contact someone, or had questions about the history of the unit. I learned that Syl and his family were instrumental in the location and construction of the current Perryville Armory in the mid fifties. Some of the land from his family’s farm became the park and a portion was donated for the armory (and the farm house is now the museum). Syl was very helpful and supportive to us and our families when Company B, 1140th Engineer Battalion deployed for combat service in Iraq. He was a great guy who deeply cared about God, his country, his community, family, and friends.

*With Condolences,*

*Dan Eagan*

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**Dan Eagan** - May 19, 2019 at 11:53 AM

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“ To all of the Emmendorfer family,  
May your hearts find great comfort knowing  
that He is now seeing the Face of God!  
He truly made this world a better place!  
My love, thoughts and prayers are with you  
all. Blessings of peace....



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**Fr. Rickey Valleroy** - May 18, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Sylvester J. Emmendorfer.



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May 17, 2019 at 08:45 AM



“ Bob and Debbie I am so sorry to hear about Debbie's father passing. He was the kindest man ever. When I lived down by the park he was always offering me help with my yard or just whatever I might need. God Bless your family. He was such a remarkable man.  
Cindy Huber and Family.

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**Cindy** - May 16, 2019 at 04:50 PM



Know you will miss him daily, but also glad he made it home and is whole again. God's blessings to each is you!

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**Larry and Sue Smith** - May 17, 2019 at 06:16 AM



To the Family, Friends and Former Bravo Company 1140th Engineers:

I'm truly heart stricken to hear that Syl has passed away. If it were not for him and that caring attitude of his I would never have become an officer in the National Guard. His dedication and attention to detail was very evident in every inspection that we under went. My Condolences to the family knowing full well that he's in a better place to day. Christ has risen, he has risen indeed!

Dennis C. Rabold  
LTC (RET)

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**Dennis C. Rabold** - May 19, 2019 at 05:25 PM