



## William J. French

January 29, 1949 - January 27, 2025

William J. "Darkhorse" French, 75, of Perryville, Missouri passed away Monday, January 27, 2025 at Saint Francis Medical Center.

He was born January 29, 1949 in Tulsa, OK to William T. French and Mary Jane (Rees) Buchheit.

He and Shirley Zahner were married on July 13, 1968 in St. Louis, MO. She survives in Perryville.

William worked as a Truck Driver for Beelman Trucking for 30 years.

He was of Christian Faith. William was a car enthusiast who enjoyed collecting, fixing and racing cars. He also enjoyed spending time learning about Native American History.

Additional survivors include five sons, William Joseph (Madlen) French, Wesley (Nicole) French, Wilson French, Whitney (Natosha) French, Walker French; two daughters, Ronda (Don) Mitchell, Shelly (David) Schumer; four brothers, Rick (Kathy) French, Kenny (Cindy) French, Tom (Cindy) French, Mike (Leslie) French; sister, Laura (Kent) Luckey; thirteen grandchildren, Amanda (Jared) Oberndorfer, Matt Petcu, Will French, Reid (Alyssa) Mitchell, Blaid French, Jasmine French, Jenna Mitchell, Madison French, Megan

Dwyer, Tyler French, Lex French, Tyson French, Dylan French; six great-grandchildren, Lynna, Hadley and Lucas Oberndorfer, Levi, Jaxon and Brian Mitchell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and step father, Glennon Buchheit.

Visitation will be from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 am Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville with Deacon John Darin officiating.

Burial will be at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Cemetery in Silver Lake.

Memorial contributions may be given to charity of your choice.

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

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Rose of Lima Catholic Cemetery

Silver Lake, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home  
110 S West Street  
Perryville, MO 63775

## Funeral Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home  
110 S. West St.  
Perryville, MO 63775

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deepest sympathies!  
Plaza Mechanics.*

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**paul bolhofner** - February 03, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family  
of William J. French.*



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January 31, 2025 at 06:38 AM



“ *A [Memorial  
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William J. French.*

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January 31, 2025 at 06:38 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of William J. French.*



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January 30, 2025 at 09:06 AM

FL

“ *Frank and Lisa purchased the Stars in the Sky - Elements Angel for the family of William J. French.*



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**Frank and Lisa** - January 29, 2025 at 03:38 PM

FA

“ *Shirley, Billy, Madlen, William, & Madison, very sorry to learn of your loss. I send my sincere condolences to all of you and the French Family. May he rest in peace in the arms of Our Lord. God's blessings be with all of you during this difficult time.*  
*Faye Amschler and Family*



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**Faye Amschler** - January 29, 2025 at 11:46 AM

SM

*Shirley & Family, My thoughts @ prayers are with you. 75 is too young*  
*♥♥!*

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**Sharon Moonier** - January 29, 2025 at 12:53 PM

PJ

“ *Tom*  
*So sorry to hear about your brother. I will be thinking of you and your family and will light a candle for all of you.*  
*Peggy (schulte) James*

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**Peggy James** - January 29, 2025 at 08:20 AM

ST

“ *SHEILA A TAGGERT lit a candle in memory of William J. French*



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**SHEILA A TAGGERT** - January 29, 2025 at 05:43 AM

ST

*I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sending Hugs and Prayers*

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**SHEILA A TAGGERT** - January 29, 2025 at 06:18 AM

RW

“ *Prayers for the family as they begin this new life chapter. God's peace. Rita Weber*

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**Rita Weber** - January 28, 2025 at 07:41 PM

TT

“ *So sorry for your loss Prayers for the whole family. Hugs to Walker.*



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**Tina Tallevast** - January 28, 2025 at 04:56 PM