



## Max M. Mourglia

January 12, 1947 - October 28, 2024

Max M Mourglia, 77, fell asleep in death on October 28, 2024 at his home after a long illness. He was born in Monett, MO on January 12, 1947, the son of the late Eugene and Alleace Mourglia. He went to Monett High School. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Debbie. She stayed by his side and cared for him right up until the end. Later in life, to the delight of his wife, he took up cat loving!

He is also survived by 7 children, Kim Endicott, Jon Hoagland, Paula (Steve) Whittington, LeAnn (Jeff) Inman, Jami Mourglia, Kelli(Dane) Crownhart, Todd(Natty) Mourglia and 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by 2 brothers, Rex and Jon Mourglia.

Max started his football career at Monett High School. He went on to college at MSSC in Joplin, Missouri to play as a kicker. He held 2 records for many years and one record still remains. In 1972, his college team won the National Championship for their division, and on October 20, 2020 his college team was inducted in as members to the Missouri Sports Hall Of Fame. He went on to play professional for a short period of time after college.

Max was best known for NEVER meeting a stranger (including the occasional hitch hiker), collecting many, many treasures, being a jack of all trades, telling great stories as well as hearing great stories. He was also a Firefighter for the

city of Joplin back in the day! He owned several businesses over the years including M -M Tire and Muffler, and M-M Signs.

Because of his love for his heavenly father Jehovah, he chose to dedicate his life to him in 1975 when he was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. His passion was to talk about the bible. He never held back from sharing an encouraging word from the bible with anyone he met, family, friends, neighbors and strangers. He also dedicated over half his life to the full time bible educational work.

He enjoyed the privilege of serving as an elder in the local Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, where he loved to do what he could to help and comfort many. This lead him to volunteer his time in many areas such as, helping to build Kingdom Halls as well as the Patient Visitation Group, where he visited hospital patients.

His faith in the Bible and God's promises gave him a strong hope for the future, that helped him stay positive and joyful while he endured a long illness. His last words to many were: "I hope to see you in Paradise"!

Services will be held this Sunday, November 10th at 5:30 pm at Carthage memorial hall in Carthage, Missouri.

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ *We will miss you Dad*



todd mourglia - November 03, 2024 at 06:20 PM

LB

“ *Max was such a faithful Brother. He helped so many people. His sense of humor was great as well.*

Lorra Burrow - November 02, 2024 at 06:45 PM

LI

“ *Max was the best Dad ever!!*



LeAnn Inman - November 01, 2024 at 08:39 PM

EG

*Max was such a nice guy. Was looking forward to seeing him at our 60th reunion next year. Thoughts and prayers to his family.  
Esther (Auffert) George*

Esther George - November 04, 2024 at 03:27 PM

DE

“Max and I were teammates at Mo Southern, he was a big part of the National Championship Team in 1972. He was a great kicker, friend, and most importantly a wonderful person. He was always very positive, had great work ethic. I will always remember his special smile. He loved being on the scout team going against the Defense. Lots of special memories.

*RIP Max.  
Prayers to his family.*

*Dave Evans*

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**Dave Evans** - October 31, 2024 at 10:37 PM

BS

*“I remember Max from when we were growing up in the 1960’s. I knew all of his brothers too! Great People!*

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**Bob Shepherd** - November 03, 2024 at 04:54 AM

MS

“Max was a long time Family friend. I'm so sorry to hear.

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**Marjorie Sterling** - October 31, 2024 at 07:06 PM

SJ

“I hauled hay with Max and played football with him. I don't remember the opponent but I remember him kicking a field goal near the end of the game for the win. A nice guy with a good sense of humor, always smiling.

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**Steve Johnson** - October 31, 2024 at 06:12 PM

ET

“ *Max was the field goal kicker on Southern's football team. But my favorite memory is when he was in Speech class his demonstration speech was how to kick a football and make it do different things, like spiral or go end over end, and he did this in the class room with Doug Efird catching the ball. Elmo Turner*

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**Elmo Turner** - October 31, 2024 at 10:07 AM

LI

*How funny!! Thank you for sharing your memory.*

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**LeAnn Inman** - November 01, 2024 at 08:58 PM