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**R**obert Russell Rippee, son of Russell and Helen Pendergrass Rippee, was born Wednesday, December 20, 1944, in Cassville, Missouri. He departed this life Wednesday, July 15, 2009, in St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Missouri, at the age of sixty-four years, six months and twenty-five days. On September 20, 1980 at First Baptist Church in Houston, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Janice Kay Stark. Together they shared the past twenty-eight years. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Jan Rippee of the home; three children; Curt Rippee and wife Deeann of McKinney, Texas, Chris Rippee of Euless, Texas, and Allison Rippee and fiancé Scott Bartkoski of Camdenton, Missouri; three grandchildren, Emma Grace, Abigail and Ellie Rippee; as well as a host of many friends, neighbors, students and colleagues. Bob was raised in Springfield, Missouri, and graduated from Hillcrest High School in the Class of 1962. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from the University of Arkansas. He taught at Willow Springs Senior High School for nine years. He later taught High School in Houston, Missouri, until 1975, when he started his career at Camdenton High School. He retired from Camdenton R-III School in 1996 after thirty years of teaching and as director of bands. Bob took the Camdenton bands to new heights during his career. Under his direction the bands consistently scored a one rating at state contest, won several awards through the years in the Jazz, Marching and Concert Band categories and the first band from Camdenton to travel to Florida to perform at the Gator Bowl. He was well respected among his peers and went on to judge Spring and Fall Music Festivals throughout the state. He did clinics for several schools to prepare students for contests. He was a member of Phi Beta Mu Band Directors Fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha and Kappa Kappa Psi Music Fraternities, Missouri Band Masters Association and Missouri Music Educators Association. He made a profession of faith in Christ at the age of nine and was a member of First Baptist



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Church of Camdenton where he led the music for a period of time. Bob was an avid golfer. He won many tournaments and awards throughout the state. He was a member of Lake Valley Country Club and served on the Board of Directors for three years. Bob was a loving husband, father and grandfather and was a caring friend and golf partner. He made an impact on many lives during his life. His primary goal as a teacher was to inspire students and make a difference in their lives. As a result, his legacy will carry on for generations. Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Monday July 20, 2009 at the Camdenton Middle School in Camdenton, Missouri. Burial will be in Hedges Cemetery. Visitation is Sunday afternoon 2:00-5:00 pm at the funeral home under the direction of the Allee-Holman-Howe Funeral Home Camdenton, Missouri. A memorial has been established to the First Baptist Church of Camdenton. Donations may be made through the funeral home. Return to top +



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