



# Troy Freand

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Troy Lyle Freand, 63, died at 5:20 a.m., Saturday, May 7, 2011 at his residence from complications from battling lung cancer. He had fought a good fight, and had tried very hard to beat the cancer, but the Lord decided he had done his best, and it was now time to rest. He was born on the family farm in Brussels on March 23, 1948, the only son of four children born to the late Otto "Bud" and Velma "Toots" (Zimmerman) Devine. He grew up in Brussels, and farming became a part of his life early on. He graduated from Brussels Community High School in 1967, where he was played the center position on the basketball team. After high school, he enrolled in a diesel engineering school in Nashville, Tn. A U.S. Army veteran, he volunteered to serve in Vietman during the war, and after his honorable discharge he returned to Calhoun County, and began farming once again alongside his father in the Brussels area. He was also a heavy equipment operator, and had worked for West Lake Quarry in Calhoun County, and for various construction firms in the St. Louis area. Troy loved farming, Ford's, working in his yard, cooking, hunting and fishing, and had a special place in his heart for his "adopted" neighborhood black lab, "Sadie". On April 8, 1972 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Brussels, he married the love of his life, the former Mary Devine, and together, the two have spent 39 wonderful years together. In addition to his wife, surviving are three sisters and two brothers in law, Gloria & William Ohlendorf of Jerseyville, Sonja & Alan Helm of Holts Summit, Mo., and Troby Freand of Jefferson City, Mo.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 am. Tuesday at the Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Jerseyville with Father William Hembrow officiating. Burial will be in the Grimes-Neeley Cemetery in Jerseyville, where the Jerseyville American Legion Post 492 will conduct military graveside rites. In recognition for his great love for animals, memorials may be given to the Riverbend Humane Society in Jerseyville.