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SAC OSAGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SADLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE PASSING OF GEORGE “TONY” UNDERWOOD



Obituary - George Anthony (Tony) Underwood passed away on the farm, Saturday, August 17, 2024, doing what he loved, working on his land.

Tony was the eldest son of George and Delta Underwood. He attended Stockton School District and graduated from Stockton High School in 1959. Tony went on to the University of Missouri in Columbia for college, attending 4 years.

Tony was married to Thelma Swarengin on September 11, 1964. To this union, 2 sons were born, Greg and Tim. Tony and Thelma lived in Kansas City, MO for 3 years, where he worked for Hallmark Cards and Armco Steel.

They then returned to Cedar County and bought the farm where they live currently.

Tony was a wonderful man, who truly loved his family, working alongside Thelma and Tim for many years, maintaining their cattle and land.

The farm and spending time with his family were at the center of his life. Countless hunting trips with his sons and grandchildren will forever live in their hearts as fond memories of happy days.

Tony also was a very thoughtful man. If there were leftover sand from a job site, Tony brought it home, creating a huge sand pile for play—large enough to make a whole community of hills and tunnels for continuous travel of many implements, cars and trucks.

Tony’s kindness was felt by all—always including always including everyone in a conversation, especially children, making them feel special and seen. His love for Thelma was very evident in the smile he always had for her and the loving way he gazed into her eyes. A wonderful soul.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, George and Delta, son Greg, and his brother, Franklin.

He is survived by his wife Thelma of the home, and their son, Tim, and Shelly of Stockton; 3 grandchildren, Hannah and Phil Cellinni of St. Charles, MO; Brian of St. Louis, MO; Derek; and daughter-in-law, Barbie of Columbia, MO, as well as countless other friends and family. He will be greatly missed.

From the Co-Op -

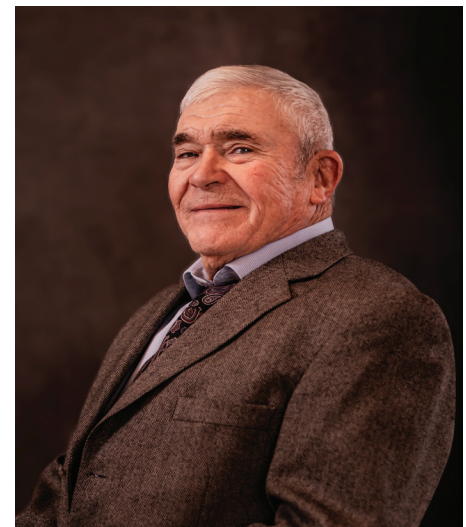
George “Tony” Underwood served on the Board of Directors since 2007. He represented District 2, which encompasses from south of Virgil City to the Lockwood area.

His tenure included many changes to the Cooperative, including the Fiber to the Home Project for all Sac Osage members.

He believed in keeping the interest of the members first by saying, “If you ever need me or have a problem, my phones always open. I’m willing to talk and listen”.

Mr. Underwood’s seventeen years of service made him one of the two longest serving board members of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative.

His knowledge and leadership will be dearly missed at the Cooperative.





‘WATT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOW MUCH ELECTRICITY MY APPLIANCES USE?’

Determining how much electricity your appliances and home electronics use can help you understand how much money you are spending to operate them. Electricity is measured in units of power called watts, and one watt is a joule of energy used or produced per second.

The power consumption of small devices is usually measured in watts, while the power use of larger devices is measured in kilowatts (kW) (1 kW equals 1,000 watts). Knowing how much electricity an appliance uses and how much the electricity costs can help you decide whether to invest in a more energy-efficient appliance or make other cost-saving decisions, such as unplugging appliances when not in use. Becoming watt savvy is also helpful if you are considering purchasing a generator.

There are several ways to estimate how much electricity your appliances and home electronics use:

See the data plate

Appliances usually have data plates located on the back or inside the door. They tell you how many amps, watts and volts are needed to power the appliance. If your appliance does not list watts for some reason but does list the number of volts and amps, you can multiply them to get the number of watts.

Review the EnergyGuide label

The EnergyGuide label, a yellow-colored sticker or tag found on new products, provides an estimate of the average energy consumption and cost to operate the specific model of the appliance you are considering. The FTC requires the label, and the dollar amount is the estimated yearly operating cost based on the national average cost of electricity.

Use a monitor or meter

Wattage meters are affordable instruments that are easy to use and can measure the electricity usage of any device that runs on 120 volts. To put it to work, just plug the monitor into the electrical outlet and then plug the device into the monitor. The monitor will display how many watts the device uses. If you want to know how many kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity a device uses over a length of time, just leave everything set up and read the display later. Some monitors even allow you to plug in your utility’s cost per kWh rate to determine how much that specific appliance costs you over a certain length of time.

Comparing an older appliance to a newer one

Now that you know how to measure

the energy used by your appliances and home electronics, you can visit EnergyStar.gov to access information that can help you decide if you should upgrade to newer, more efficient models. ENERGY STAR provides energy use data on specific products that have earned the ENERGY STAR rating. You can compare this information to your current appliances’ energy use to see if an upgrade is worth your while. EnergyStar.gov also provides tools that allow you to select and compare specific models to one another. Depending on the type of appliance, ENERGY STAR-certified appliances use between 10% and 50% less energy than their standard counterparts.

To learn more information about electrical safety and energy efficiency, visit safeelectricity.org.

ENERGY VAMPIRES
DON'T LET THEM DRAIN YOUR WALLET

Many household appliances are using energy even when not in use, including televisions, computers, DVD players, cable boxes with DVR, cell phone chargers, printers, and game consoles. Depending on how many appliances are used, costs can quickly add up to \$100-200 a year.

Learn how you can stop energy vampires at SafeElectricity.org.

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NO THANKS EPA, WE WANT RELIABILITY

DON'T LET THE EPA TURN OFF RELIABLE POWER.



ACT NOW.



Missouri Electric
Cooperatives

We ask our members to use your voice to help protect reliable and affordable electricity in Missouri. The future of reliable and affordable electricity is at risk.

On April 25, 2024, the EPA released its long-anticipated final rules aimed at existing coal and new natural gas power plants. In a nutshell, this rule will shut down the very power plant in rural Missouri that provide your homes and businesses with electricity. It will also make it difficult and expensive to build new generation to replace these closed plants.

EPA wants electricity production to become a carbon-free power sector by 2035. In Missouri, our electricity is generated by a host of different sources. This mix of coal, natural

gas, wind and hydro all play a role in working together to keep your lights on every time you flip that switch.

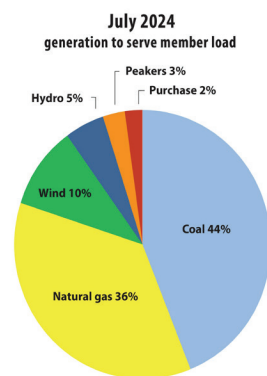
We have watched other states shut down coal and natural gas plants without having an alternative and reliable baseload of electricity. As you can imagine, when the sun isn't shining and the wind isn't blowing, their electricity isn't flowing.

The nation's grid watchdog, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), recently forecasted that over the next five years, all or parts of 19 states are at high risk of rolling blackouts during normal conditions. The EPA's final rule will only make energy reliability worse, not better.

Congress needs to know this and

help keep Missouri's lights on. The White House has the power to stop this rule, but we need your help! Visit 4energyreliability.com to send a letter to your representatives in Washington, D.C., asking them to stop the EPA from harming your family and community.

Please visit www.4energyreliability.com or scan the QR code provided below.



ENERGY AT WORK FOR YOUR BUSINESS

RELIABLE • AFFORDABLE • RESPONSIBLE

Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. A Southern Energy Company

Location, location, location

The Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. service territory is strategically located at the heart of American corn country, serving a diverse and growing population of over 6.7 million members in Missouri, Oklahoma and Iowa. Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. provides reliable, affordable electric service to over 100,000 members, groups and businesses.

We're connected

Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. provides electricity through the transmission system to 11 distribution member-owned cooperatives.

MEMBERS

2.1 million

METERS

935 thousand

POPULATION

6.7 million

WORKFORCE

3.2 million

INTERSTATE

1,557 miles

This integrated, on-site and remote high-voltage transmission system has more than 10,000 miles of lines.

Continued system upgrades, 22 transmission development and 235 new and regional utility partners ensure reliability.

HIGH-SPEED INTERNET IS HERE FOR ALL!

The Connect, powered by Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, fiber network is complete and service is available to all members of Sac Osage Electric.

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