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He was born Sept. 16, 1954, at Pittsburg, to Bill G. and Therese Marie (Lyons) Yoakum. He graduated from Colgan High School in 1972. He attended Pittsburg State University.

On Aug. 7, 1971, he married Bobbie Turigliatto in Chicopee at St. Barbara's Catholic Church. She survives of the home.

He was active in youth counseling all of his life and for the last 16 years was the director of Elm Acres Youth Home.

He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and a founding member of Pittsburg Optimist Club.

Additional survivors include a daughter, Tiffany Blackard of Osage, Mo.; two sons, Erik Yoakum of Pittsburg and Hunter Yoakum of the home; his mother, Therese Yoakum; four sisters, Mary Beth Dunlavy, Judy Coltharp and Amy Laderer, all of Pittsburg, and Ellen Galloway of Overland Park; two brothers, Tom and Frank Yoakum, both of Pittsburg; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Kurt Yoakum.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 6 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with Fr. Robert McElwee as celebrant and Fr. Thomas Stroot as concelebrant. Scripture will be given at 6 p.m. Friday at the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home by Fr. McElwee. Family will receive friends following the scripture and eulogy. Burial will be at a later date in Highland Park Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home at their convenience after 11 a.m. Friday. Services and arrangements are under the direction of the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, 522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg.

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