



## James Dallas Criddle

September 29, 1936 - July 24, 2022

James Dallas Criddle, 85, of Cape Girardeau, passed away Sunday, July 24, 2022, at Southeast Hospital.

He was born Sept. 29, 1936, in Cape Girardeau to the late James Wade and Mable Irene Kester Criddle.

James was a 1954 graduate of Cape Central. After graduation he enlisted in the Air Force and proudly served his country. On Sept. 9, 1966, he married Judy Ethel Mae McCormick and he gained two bonus daughters, Lisa (Russell) Boswell and their children, Amanda (George) Bellefeuille and Leanna Grevillius; Carol (Steve) Wegman and their children, Nicholas Hale, Brian, and Timothy Wegman.

James retired from the Drury Co. after 34 years of dedicated work. Six months after his retirement he couldn't stand to not be working, so he went to work for V.I.P. Industries. He was there until an illness forced him to finally retire at the age of 83. From an early age his parents instilled the value of hard work and a solid work ethic.

He enjoyed gardening, camping and was an avid Cardinal baseball fan. He was a member of Maple Avenue Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Ethel Mae Criddle of Cape Girardeau; two bonus daughters; two daughters from their union, Juanita (Ron) Criddle Donner and their son, Jamie Donner; Barb (Tim) Criddle Pinkley and their daughter Michelle (Chris) Bauer; brother, Frank (Judy) Criddle; sisters, Barbara (John) Yallaly and Ethel Mize; seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Paul Robert Criddle.

Private graveside service will be held.

The family plans to celebrate James' life at the Criddle family reunion Aug. 7th at 11:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Jackson.

# Cemetery Details

**Cape County Memorial Park**

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Judy, Lisa, "Annie", Juanita and Barbie and all the friends and family who mourn Jim's passing, condolences and prayers from me to you. My time on Sena Fawn was shorter than my siblings but my memories of times interacting with Jim (and Judy) are fond ones, especially babysitting you girls! That's not to say there wasn't a challenge or two but the kindness and generosity always shone through. Jim's chewing tobacco habit is one of the strongest memories unique to him and I smile to remember my dad saying he knew how level headed Jim was because he leaked tobacco juice out both sides of his mouth equally. I was so glad I got to see him on my last visit to Cape in the spring of 2019. I'm sure he, my mom and dad will be having a great time till the rest of us get there. Much love and God be with you all.*

Vicky Volkerding Roundtree - July 27 at 06:21 PM

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*Thank you, Vickie*

lisa boswell - July 31 at 10:31 AM

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“ *To all who mourn Jim's passing, I send my most heartfelt condolences, especially the cherished neighbors I spent much of my growing up and young adult years around. My mind is flooded with memories of the old neighborhood and the times my family and I were on the receiving end of Criddle's kindness and skills...most of them of a mechanical nature. He was so generous in giving both. I would have been afoot for much of my high school career without him! There are fun memories, too, like the weekend afternoon I practiced "funeral" music on Judy's piano and the inopportune tumble of a black panther sculpture. Suffice it to say I will remember Jim fondly until the day I join him and my folks wetting a line on the pond bank once again.*

*To Judy, Lisa, 'Annie', Juanita and Barbie I send love and deepest sympathies. My prayers are with you.*

Jeffrey Volkerding - July 26 at 06:46 PM

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*Thank you, Jeff*

lisa boswell - July 31 at 10:30 AM