



## LaRoy R. "Mickey" Roper Jr.

January 15, 1943 - August 24, 2020

LaRoy R. "Mickey" Roper, Jr., 77, native son of Cape Girardeau, went home to the arms of his Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, August 24, 2020 after a valiant battle with COVID-19.

Mick was born January 15, 1943 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to LaRoy and Leone Roper, Sr., who preceded him in death. Mick and Susan Campbell were married August 23, 1964 and enjoyed a loving marriage for 56 years.

Mickey graduated from Cape Central High School and Westminster College and was the President of United Service Stations and United Distributing Company for over 25 years. During that time, he served in numerous community leadership roles, was a longtime committed member of Rotary Club, and served on the board of Saint Francis Medical Center for 35 years. God changed the course of his life in the early 90's, when he graduated from Covenant Seminary with a degree in Biblical Counseling. Mick and his wife Susan went on to counsel many with the love of Christ for well over a decade. He loved to work and serve others, was a lover of people, and adored his family.

Loving survivors include his wife, Susan C. Roper; daughters, Reagan (Roger) McNeil of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Shannon (Michael) Howard of Scott AF Base, Illinois, and Rachel (Jim) Maynard of Denver, Colorado; son, LaRoy (Christi) Roper III of Nashville, Tennessee; sister, Judy (Rock) Wilferth of Cape Girardeau; grandchildren, Jackson (Kendall), Emma, and Mac McNeil; Walker (Mack) Chrisman and Mike Howard Jr.; Lucy and Molly Maynard; Grace, Josh, Caleb, and Ellie Roper.

Honorary pallbearers are brother-in-law, Rock Wilferth and dear friends, Tim Young, Lewis Bock, Scott Coleman, Howard Eyrich, Kermit Hughey, Art Hunt, Dave Newton, Danny Reece, Dr. Allen Spitler and Gary Spradling.

There will be a private family service to worship our Father and celebrate Mickey's life later this week.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to his church, the Gospel Life of Jackson (502 W. Main St., Jackson, MO 63755), and to One City Community Center (which serves Cape Girardeau from the site of his former business at 610 Independence, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701).

Our only hope in life and in death is our living hope, Christ Jesus. As we grieve, we thank God for his life... everlasting.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## **Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery**

2315 Highway 61 North

Cape Girardeau, MO, 63701

# Comments

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of LaRoy R. "Mickey" Roper Jr..



August 28, 2020 at 07:06 AM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of LaRoy R. "Mickey" Roper Jr..



August 27, 2020 at 04:36 PM

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“ Love and prayers, Cindy Hodge and family purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of LaRoy R. "Mickey" Roper Jr..



**Love and prayers, Cindy Hodge and family** - August 26, 2020 at 09:37 PM

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“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of my good friend. He helped me enjoy my time in Cape! Curt Smith from Corrales, NM

**Curtis Smith** - August 26, 2020 at 05:43 PM

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“ We send our heartfelt condolences to all the Roper family. We both grieve with you and celebrate the incredible life of Mr. Roper. He leaves behind a legacy of gospel faithfulness and a second to none family.

With Love and Respect,  
Fellowship Jonesboro

Fellowship Jonesboro - August 26, 2020 at 04:48 PM

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“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Mickey's passing. It was nice getting reacquainted with him on fb and seeing photos of our extended family. Prayers for comfort and strength for the Roper family. Dad (Jerry Weatherford) said to let the family know he sends his love. Love, Sherri Weatherford Chapman, dad, and Shelley Weatherford Wichern.

Sherri Weatherford Chapman - August 26, 2020 at 03:12 PM

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“ To the Roper family, I'm very sorry for your loss. I'm good friends with Reagan and Roger, but you are all in my thoughts.  
~Wayne Dickinson

Wayne Dickinson - August 26, 2020 at 01:52 PM

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“ Sending our our love and condolences to the Roper family that which is our family as the passing of Micky Roper saddens our hearts, but we are never alone and we are always together in life and death as well as in short or long miles across the states between us. Love you all and our deepest condolences. The Weisser's & Nicol family in Colorado, Jim & Sally, Kim, and Stacey, David, and miss Zoey.



Kimberly Weisser - August 26, 2020 at 01:40 PM

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“ Mickey was such a nice man! I got to know him through his many years as a member at Fitness Plus. I will sure miss talking with him. One thing that always came through in our conversations was his love for his wife Sue.  
~ Sandy Duncan

**Sandy Duncan** - August 26, 2020 at 01:38 PM

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“ Peace and condolences to the Roper family. I have fond memories of Mickey from when I was a child. We've lost a truly inspiring Christian man. My mother, Grace, and sister, Laurie join me in sending our love to all.



**Cindy Reeves** - August 25, 2020 at 11:35 PM

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“ Peace be with the family. I got to know Mickey through the Christian boxing academy. He was a joy to work with. He kept me on my toes. He was always ready to lead us in prayer or provide words of encouragement and support to others. His light here on earth will be missed but his memory will remain in our hearts. God has welcomed one of his gifts home.

Kathy Leimer

**Kathy Leimer** - August 25, 2020 at 09:57 PM

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“ Our condolences to Sue and family. Mickey was very special to us and our sons. We will miss him greatly. Our prayers are with you.

Steve and Debbie Unterreiner

**Steve Unterreiner** - August 25, 2020 at 08:02 PM

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“ Jason, Kelli, Scott, Ellen and Sam Shipman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of LaRoy R. "Mickey" Roper Jr..



Jason, Kelli, Scott, Ellen and Sam Shipman - August 25, 2020 at 03:08 PM

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“ I remember that when he was on the board of Saint Francis that he so wanted to always do the right thing and brought his decisions back to the care of the patients. My condolences to the family for the loss of such a kind and caring man.

Dianna K Smith - August 25, 2020 at 01:57 PM

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“ A wonderful man and family. Our prayers are with you. He was a great guy. Lonnie and Toni Wilke

Lonnie Wilke - August 25, 2020 at 01:04 PM

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“ To The Family of LaRoy R. "Mickey" Roper,  
Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
With Loving Sympathy,  
Charlotte "Chickie" Harris  
Nenninger



Charlotte Nenninger - August 25, 2020 at 12:14 PM

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“ Dear Rachel and family,  
My heart breaks for you as you grieve for Mickey. Cherish his memory and know he has safely home.



**Sandra Collin** - August 25, 2020 at 10:15 AM

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August 25, 2020 at 09:35 AM

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“ Roy:

I am sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Your entire family is in my prayers. May God provide the peace, comfort, and understanding needed at this time.

Ken Pemberton, Jr.  
CHS Class of 1992

**Kenneth C. Pemberton, Jr.** - August 25, 2020 at 09:21 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of LaRoy R. "Mickey" Roper Jr..



August 25, 2020 at 08:36 AM

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“ Ah Mickey. I first met him at Rachel & Jim's wedding in Evergreen CO. We were all having a lovely brunch in our tuxes and formalwear and Mickey disappeared for few minutes. He re-appeared in full hillbilly mode sportin' a gun looking for the groom! It was hilarious. He had us all in stitches (except for poor Jim! haha).

I didn't know him well except through my good friend Rachel, but I know from stories from Rachel that he was a larger than life protective and loving papa bear for his friends and family. He has changed the lives of so many with his counsel and wisdom. So sorry he has passed. His strong faith offers the gift of a new and peaceful journey home.

To Susan and the entire Roper Clan - you are in our hearts and prayers.

Love, Geneve, Steve & Sage from Kittery Point, Maine.

**Geneve Hoffman** - August 25, 2020 at 08:05 AM

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“ Jane Comeau lit a candle in memory of LaRoy R. "Mickey" Roper Jr.



**Jane Comeau** - August 25, 2020 at 08:04 AM

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“ I met Mickey & Susan at Covenant Seminary one snowy morning when I went to scrap ice off our van - there were these two people blessing people by scrapping ice off cars. From there they opened their home to us when we came to the cape, blessed our children with treats, and blessed us - I'm so glad to have visited them when I was last in the States - love, prayers and much thankfulness for this precious man & family - Susan Russell (Cassidy)

**susan Russell** - August 25, 2020 at 06:17 AM

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“ PJ Keller lit a candle in memory of LaRoy R. "Mickey" Roper Jr.



**PJ Keller** - August 25, 2020 at 02:10 AM



“ My Prayers are with Susan & Family !!!

**PJ** - August 25, 2020 at 02:13 AM



“ Susan and family: Just a little note to say our thoughts and prayers are with all. Mickey was a great person and we will miss him. Take care and God's blessings to all.

Peters Heating and Air Conditioning Crew

**Peters Heating and Air Cond.** - August 25, 2020 at 09:41 AM

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“ Went to church with Mickey and Susan for several years, such wonderful and dear people. Enjoyed a hayride and bonfire at their beautiful home and firstborn's baby shower was there also. We are praying for Susan, their children, and grandchildren. Mickey was a delightful person and he is now with his loving Savior.

**Laura Saupe** - August 24, 2020 at 10:25 PM

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“ What Will Be Forever In My Mind, Is The Bike Trip We Took, From Cape Girardeau To Saint Louis. We Peddled The Back Roads Spending The Night In Churches Along The Way. Mickey Followed Us All The Way With His Suburban, A Trailer And Repair Parts For Anything We May Need! He Was An Amazing Soul...Rest In Peace Babe. Thanks For The Memory

**Gina Rae Thomas** - August 24, 2020 at 10:15 PM

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“ Mickey was a wonderful person every single day. What a great example of what a husband, father, and friend should be. He will be missed.

John and Monica Unterreiner

**John and Monica Unterreiner** - August 24, 2020 at 09:28 PM

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“ Many cherished memories of Mick and his family; Worked with Mick at United Oil Company. Blessing and may the Lord wrap his loving arms around Mick's family and give them healing and peace.

John & Doris Hilpert

**John & Doris Hilpert** - August 24, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ Worked for Mickey at United Oil Co.lots of memories he will be missed

**Terry Bock** - August 25, 2020 at 05:25 AM



“ I came to know Mickey and Susan after they bought our house on Allendale and started babysitting their children. Such a beautiful family. I'm so sorry for your loss and I'm keeping the Roper family in my heart and prayers.

Kitty Wrape Lacy

**Kitty** - August 25, 2020 at 04:39 PM