



## Carlos Ratliff

May 20, 1940 - January 21, 2024

Carlos Eugene Ratliff, 83, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Sunday, January 21, 2024 at Ratliff Care Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born May 20, 1940 in Burdine, Kentucky to Carl and Juanita (Rogers) Ratliff.

He and Emmagene Roberts were married August 7, 1960 at Scott City, Missouri.

He was a 1958 graduate of Cape Central High School and 1966 graduate of Southeast Missouri State University. He spent his career in accounting, specializing in tax accounting and owning/operating Ratliff Care Center. He has been a licensed Nursing Home Administrator since 1972.

As a giving and caring member of his community, he spent several years as a member of the Cape Evening Optimist and was a member of the Mid America Adult and Teen Challenge Board of Directors for over 30 years..

He had a love for the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, and sightseeing. He was a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation for over 30 years and became a Silver Life Sponsor.

He spent his life active in his church, serving as Sunday School Superintendent, Treasurer and served on the Deacon Board at Bethel Assembly of God Church for 25 years. He has been a member of Discover Life Church (formerly Cape First) for nearly 20 years.

He had a great love for his family and especially loved special time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren and attending their activities and events.

Survivors include his wife, Emmagene Ratliff of Cape Girardeau; a daughter, Carla (Mark) Skinner of Jackson, Missouri; two sons, Michael (Teresa) Ratliff of Cape Girardeau and Chris (Carlene) Roberts of Sparta, Missouri; four brothers, Larry Ratliff of Cape Girardeau, Dale (Beverly) Ratliff of Cape Girardeau, Roger (Jen) McNeely of Cape Girardeau, and Scott (Connie) McNeely of Jackson, Missouri; a sister, Connie (Rodger) Reed of Jackson, Missouri; five grandchildren, Stephanie (Travis) Hillis of Ellsinore, Missouri, Andrew (Leslie) Ratliff of Cape Girardeau, Trevor (Julia) Henderson of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Clayton (Jordan) Ratliff of Cape Girardeau and Ashley Skinner of Kansas City, Missouri; four great-grandchildren, Kale and Emmalee Hillis of Ellsinore, Missouri and Carter Ratliff and Callen Ratliff of Cape Girardeau; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Nina Kitchen.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, January 26, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau and 10:00 am to 11:00 am Saturday, January 27, 2024.

Funeral service will follow at 11:00 am Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Gary Brothers officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be given to Adult & Teen Challenge Mid-America.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 26. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Visitation

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

GA

“ My dear cousin has fought a good fight and was ready to receive his well deserved reward. He was always more than a cousin to me. He was the big brother that I never had. He was a visiting brother every summer on the farm, he was a caring uncle to my little boy and a protector for us both when we needed protecting. Many times he and Emmy provided food when we were hungry and a shelter with love when we were scared. I will forever be thankful for sweet little Carla and Michael who shared their safe beds and made us feel at home. What a precious role your husband,father and my big (brother) played in our life. Anthony and Glenda

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**glenda and anthony** - January 26, 2024 at 09:57 PM

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“ Sincerest condolences and prayers for the family of Carlos Ratliff. He was a good man and neighbor at one time. So sorry for your loss.

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**Susan Elrod** - January 26, 2024 at 05:13 PM

RM

“ Roger and Jen McNeely purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carlos Ratliff.



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**Roger and Jen McNeely** - January 26, 2024 at 07:05 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carlos Ratliff.*



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January 25, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ *Don, Becca, Laine and Emily Stutsman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carlos Ratliff.*

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**Don, Becca, Laine and Emily Stutsman** - January 25, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ *Lisa Conder & Twylla Roderick purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Carlos Ratliff.*



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**Lisa Conder & Twylla Roderick** - January 25, 2024 at 06:25 PM

JS

“*Emmy, my prayers are with you and all of the family. I had not been aware that Carlos' health had been so poor recently and was shocked to hear that he had passed.*

*Carlos was a dedicated Christian, a good friend, and generous with his time, talents, and finances. I especially appreciated his service as the treasurer at ATCMA because I could always know that if there was something off in the finances, Carlos would catch it and help us fix it.*

*My favorite memories with him were after the Spring banquets at the Show Me Center when we would meet in his office to count the money and the pledges. Carlos was as excited as any of us when we had a strong financial night. He was truly dedicated to the success of the ministry.*

*Carlos will be missed by me and so many. May God comfort and strengthen you all now and in the time ahead.*

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**JACK R SMART** - January 25, 2024 at 10:32 AM

KP

“*The world is a better place because of Carlos. The only thing bigger than his smile was his heart. He will be missed.*

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**Kent Puchbauer** - January 25, 2024 at 07:56 AM

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“*Anytime I saw Mr Ratliff he always had a smile on his face and a kind greeting. He will be missed. Prayers for his family and friends.*



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**William V Halter** - January 24, 2024 at 09:52 PM