



## Charles Cozean

May 11, 1936 - January 9, 2023

Dr. Charles H. Cozean Jr, 86, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Monday, January 9, 2023, at Life Care Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born May 11, 1936, in Bonne Terre, Missouri, to Charles Hugo Cozean and Zelda Martin Cozean.

He married Carole Lee Eberhart on August 22, 1959, in Farmington, Missouri.

Cozean graduated from Farmington High School in 1954, and went on to receive a bachelor science degree from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. He earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1962. Cozean served in the United States Air Force as a Captain and Chief of Ophthalmology at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas. He was honorably discharged in 1968 and returned to Southeast Missouri.

Dr. Cozean opened the Cozean Eye Clinic in Cape Girardeau, Missouri in 1968. He practiced ophthalmology for more than 40 years. He was an avid golfer, a patron of the arts, a member of the Southeast Missouri State University Symphony Board and Cape Girardeau Lions' Club.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, John (Nicole) Cozean of Sikeston,

Missouri, Charles Cozean, III of Loveland, Colorado; daughter, Laura (Bart) DeBrock of Vincennes, Indiana; brother, Jon Dennis Cozean of Farmington, Missouri; two sisters, Nancy Jacob, Josephine (Harry) Styron; four grandchildren, Jack Cozean of Sikeston, Missouri, Erica Bunker of Washington DC, Washington, Dr. William DeBrock of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Victoria DeBrock of Indianapolis, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robin Cozean; and sister, Mary Alexander.

Visitation will be 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will be at 2:30 pm Sunday, January 15, 2023 at the funeral home with the Rev. A.J. Wollenburg officiating.

Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Cape Girardeau Lions Club.

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 Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 15. 2:30 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
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# Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Carole, I want to send prayers and love to you for your loss. He will be missed.*

Ann E Behrend-Uhls - January 19, 2023 at 12:08 PM

SW

“ *My condolences to all of you - I have many remembrances of dear Charles,  
Shirley Jarvis Wilson*

Shirley Wilson - January 15, 2023 at 09:32 AM

EI

“ *I'll miss Chuck greatly. Wonderful memories and many fun evenings together. He had a signature laugh and was truly loving and dedicated to his family. A terrific doctor and gentleman. He worshiped the love of his life, Carole. RIP Chuck.*

Ernest D. Johnson, III - January 14, 2023 at 08:16 PM

GD

“ *My condolences to the Cozean family.*

Greg Dowdy - January 14, 2023 at 04:15 PM

SD

*We loved him he was the best-- he is so going to be missed I'm sure--*

Steve and Edie Davis - January 18, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Charles Cozean.*



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January 14, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Carol and the family on the passing of Chuck. I have many fond memories of Chuck over the many years of our friendship and working together in medicine. We are sorry to miss the service as we are out of town. Sincerely, Jerry Kinder*

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**Jerry Kinder** - January 14, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *Heartfelt sympathy! Great Dr. Janice Unger*

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**Janice Unger** - January 14, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Josephine Jacob purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Charles Cozean.*

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**Josephine Jacob** - January 14, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Cozean.*



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January 14, 2023 at 07:32 AM

CD

“ We would like to send our sympathies to Mrs. Cozean and to the entire Cozean family regarding the passing of Dr. Cozean. While our hearts are heavy, we feel blessed to have warm memories of the times we got to visit with Dr Cozean; whether it was stopping to say "Hi" while we fished at the pond, sharing a round of golf or celebrating with him at a special family occasion. He was always so very kind and generous and interesting listen to. May God welcome him home and may he rest in peace. Sincerely, Carl and Leann DeBrock and family.

Carl and Leann DeBrock - January 13, 2023 at 10:28 PM

CD

“ We always had such a fun time fishing at “cozean’s lake” we called it. Dr. Cozean and Mrs. Cozean let us fish and make memories at their pond for years. it’s where i learned all i know and all i will know about fishing, and i could t be more greatful for those experiences. not only will those memories be cherished, but his kindess will aswell. sending love and prayers to aunt laura, uncle bart, all the cousins, and all of the DeBrocks.

Carleigh DeBrock - January 13, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Cozean.



January 13, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles Cozean.*



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January 13, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Our sympathy to Laura and Brat and family at the loss of her father. They always hold a special place in our hearts and always will. May the God of peace and hope be with each of you as you celebrate the life of this beautiful person.*

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**Judy and Keith Kremers** - January 13, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ *It is with such sadness to hear of the loss of such a special man . So many memories of the Cozean family . The most beautiful memories are his loving devotion to his beautiful wife, and the pride he had for his children. He truly was a Leader of both the Cape Girardeau community, and his Ophthalmology career. His loss will be greatly felt by so many. I will remember his great smile, quick wit and laughter . It was infectious. His positive attitude and integrity also defined him. My prayers and heartfelt condolences to a family I have always loved. I will miss him . My thoughts are with you. Patricia Christensen Hearn*

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**Patricia Christensen Hearn** - January 13, 2023 at 01:16 AM

BD

“ sending our deepest sympathy to Dr Cozean's wife, Carole, his Children, and Grandchildren. He was our eye doctor until he retired THE BEST ! He was always so kind and sharing the lake all of the many years , Our Family enjoyed so many , many fishing trips there..Now he is at peace. Eternal rest grant him and let perpetual light shine on him

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**bill and Betty DeBrock** - January 12, 2023 at 10:24 AM

JD

Mom as you know, Dr Cozean provided me eye care years ago, even though I lived in St Louis and was not a regular patient of his. He cared for my eyes after I had a swimming pool chemical treatment accident. He was a very generous and caring person, from his practice to the many free golf outings, to the delicious My Daddy Cheesecakes that he was fond of giving as gifts. Thank you Dr Cozean and may you now rest in peace in Heaven.

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**John DeBrock** - January 12, 2023 at 12:45 PM

BD

*well said ! John*

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**Bill and Betty DeBrock** - January 12, 2023 at 10:17 PM

MC

“ My deepest sympathy to the family in the loss of Dr Charles. May God Grant you comfort at this difficult time.  
Mary Mackley Christy

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**Mary Christy** - January 11, 2023 at 02:01 PM

BO

“ Bill Ogborn purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Charles Cozean.



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**Bill Ogborn** - January 11, 2023 at 12:48 PM

TG

“ The Girls purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Charles Cozean.



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**The Girls** - January 11, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Charles Cozean.



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January 11, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Charles Cozean.



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January 10, 2023 at 11:18 PM

JC

“ Dr Cozean and Carole were such nice friends . I remember hitting golf balls off their back terrace into woods. They were so kind to gift and plant a tree when I built one of my homes. I am sorry to miss his service and visitation. I visited Carole recently however would love to see the children and grandchildren. I will visit Carole when I return. I pray the family will feel Gods loving arms at this time and hold the memories dear. Love Jackie Clark-Otto

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**Jackie Clark-Otto** - January 10, 2023 at 05:11 PM