



Charles Leo Hunze Jr.

September 24, 2025

Charles Leo Hunze Jr. of Cape Girardeau died Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at his home.

He was born in St. Louis to Charles Leo Hunze Sr. and Edna Gertrude Howard Hunze.

He and Ruth Kay Strack were married September 14, 1996 at the family home in Cape Girardeau.

Charlie was a graduate of McClure High School in St. Louis. He also earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Master of Science in Computer Science from SIU Carbondale.

He was a dairy owner on a fifth generation family farm.

He was an avid reader, especially of science and murder mysteries. He had a passion for music and art and was a supporter of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and the Muny Opera. He was a wine collector and enthusiast and enjoyed serving his wines and hosting dinner parties.

Charlie was a member of the American Association for Advancement of Science and was named to the President's Council at Southeast Missouri

State University, recognizing his generous spirit and steadfast commitment to supporting archaeological research and education.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Strack Hunze of Cape Girardeau; cousin, Anne Cole of Houston, Texas; sister-in-law, Betty Ann Strack (Gregory Michael Mueller) of Carbondale, Illinois; two brothers-in-law, Lee Allen Strack and Larry Dean Strack of Lebanon, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Howard William Hunze; and uncle, Raymond Ben Hunze.

Visitation will be from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Sunday, September 28, 2025 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 4:00 pm Sunday, September 28, 2025 at the funeral home.

Burial will be Monday, September 29, 2025 at 10:00 am at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau.

You may honor Charles' memory by making a memorial contribution to Southeast Missouri University Foundation Archaeology Endowment Fund or American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

SEP 28. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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Sam, All About Trees of SEMO - September 26, 2025 at 07:27 PM

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“ Sam, All About Trees of SEMO planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Leo Hunze Jr..

Sam, All About Trees of SEMO - September 26, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Leo Hunze Jr..



September 26, 2025 at 07:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Leo Hunze Jr..

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“ Chavez cabrera family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Leo Hunze Jr..



Chavez cabrera family - September 26, 2025 at 06:34 PM

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“ Patrick Schallberger family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charles Leo Hunze Jr..



Patrick Schallberger family - September 26, 2025 at 05:21 PM

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“ Patrick Schallberger family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Leo Hunze Jr..

Patrick Schallberger family - September 26, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Leo Hunze Jr..



September 26, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ *Ruth and family I am so sorry about your loss you are in my prayers.* ”

Terri Harms - September 26, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles Leo Hunze Jr..* ”



September 26, 2025 at 11:35 AM