



## Chesley D. Bess

September 27, 1959 - August 6, 2015

Chesley D. Bess, 55, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Thursday, August 6, 2015 at his home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He was born September 27, 1959 in Cape Girardeau, MO to Earl and Damie Ramsey Bess.

He and Deborah Smith were married at Cape Girardeau in 1988.

He was a member of Lynwood Baptist Church.

Chesley was a graduate of Cape Central High School in Cape Girardeau and attended Southeast Missouri State University. During his SEMO days he played football. He was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan, and played for their Triple A team during the baseball strike. Chesley was also a competitive bowler in the Cape Girardeau area leagues, bowling 300 on three occasions.

He worked for Procter and Gamble here for 17 plus years.

Survivors include his father, Earl Bess of Cape Girardeau; wife, Deborah "Debbie" Bess of Cape Girardeau, MO; daughters, Jillian Bess of Jonesboro, AR and McKenzie Bess of Belleville, IL.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Damie Ramsey Bess.

Friends may call 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 9, 2015 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 10, 2015 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau with the Rev Mark Anderson officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be given to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

# 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

**AUG 9.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Funeral Home  
118 S. Sprigg St.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703  
(573) 334-1211  
[info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)  
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## Service

**AUG 10.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DF

“ Just learned of Chesley passing thru his fathers. Chesley was a friend, and classmate. So funny, always full of light, brough fun & happiness where ever he was. My Thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you & your family. Donna Frye

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**Donna Frye** - October 26, 2015 at 10:44 AM

DP

“ Debbie, I am so sorry for your loss. Chesley was a wonderful person, always ready to help. You, Jillian and Makenzie are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

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**Dottie Plumb** - August 13, 2015 at 09:57 PM

PK

“ Debbie, Jillian and Makenzie I am so very sorry to hear of your loved one's passing. I know this is a very difficult time. God's strength and peace will get you through this journey you are on. Please know you are in my prayers.

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**Patricia Krueger-Dickerson** - August 12, 2015 at 09:02 AM

MB

“ My condolences to Chesley's family. What a great friend that he, Damie and Earl were to my mother and brother. It was always a pleasure to have Chesley in the room. My prayers are with you.

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**Marilyn Collins Brown** - August 11, 2015 at 12:17 AM

SE

“ Bess Family, so sorry to hear about Chesley, we just saw him at Florence James funeral. We went to church with him and his family years ago, loved them all. In our Thoughts and Prayers Sharon James Estes



sharon Estes - August 10, 2015 at 02:43 PM

Mark  
Bess

“ Debbie we were shocked to learn of Chesley's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your daughters and Chesley's dad Earl in this difficult time.

Mark & Sue Bess

Mark Bess - August 09, 2015 at 09:30 PM

LB

“ Shocked to hear of Chesley's passing. Lyndell and I send our condolences to you and your girls and pray for you as you go through this time of your loss

LYNDELL AND BONNIE BESS - August 09, 2015 at 09:10 PM

MJ

“ Chesley and his family were neighbors to my mother for a number of years and they were great friends. My brother Mark spent many hours in their home and they were a big support! Our hearts are heavy at the loss of this great man! Our love and prayers for God's comfort. Marcia Collins Jackson

Marcia Collins Jackson - August 09, 2015 at 04:18 PM

BS

“ *Debbie our prayers are with you and your family. Chesley was a past classmate and coworker.*

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**Bill Stovall** - August 08, 2015 at 06:29 PM

LD

“ *Love Aunt Marilyn and Uncle Doug purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Chesley D. Bess.*



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**Love Aunt Marilyn and Uncle Doug** - August 08, 2015 at 06:28 PM

LB

“ *Debbie, I am sorry for your loss. You and your girls are in my thoughts and prayers!*  
*Laura Bennett*

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**Laura Bennett** - August 07, 2015 at 09:48 PM

MR

“ *it was an honor to know you, i always looked forward to talking to you during band practice, going on band trips, you was the life of the party.one thing i know for sure you loved deb and cherished the girls.i will miss you on black friday , i remember us sitting in line for a t.v. in jackson, that was a hoot.i will miss you friend.*

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**marilyn rhodes** - August 07, 2015 at 03:14 PM