



Dan Koeppel

December 2, 1960 - April 11, 2026

Dan Koeppel, 65, of Cape Girardeau died Saturday, April 11, 2026.

He was born December 2, 1960 in Cape Girardeau to Richard Lee and Alice Faye Schweer Koeppel.

He and Rita Ann Stoverink were married June 4, 1983 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jackson. Dan and Rita lived in St. Louis 11 years, Jackson one year and Kelso 10 years before settling in Cape Girardeau.

Dan graduated from Jackson High School in 1979. He received a bachelors in Marketing Management from Southeast Missouri State University in 1983 and a bachelors in information technology from Washington University in 1986.

He started his work career at Walmart at age 15 as a greetings card organizer and worked his way up the ladder to management after college graduation. Then moved on to his IT education and career. He worked in the IT Department at Monsanto for 11 years and then in the Southeast Missouri State University IT Department from 1994 to 2025.

Dan was a kind and gentle-hearted man. He was an avid runner for decades. He found joy in the outdoors, including fishing at Lake Alice Irene or tinkering

on his land. He had a deep love for music, especially his sons' music, and took great pride in his sons' sports. Above all, he loved his wife, sons and his extended family wholeheartedly.

He was raised in the Emanuel United Church of Christ in Jackson. He joined the Catholic Church on April 10, 1982 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. When the family lived in Kelso, he was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church. He later became a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in 2006 after moving to Cape Girardeau.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Koeppel of Cape Girardeau; mother, Alice Koeppel of St. Louis; two sons, Drew Koeppel of St. Louis and Nick Koeppel of Kraków, Poland; a brother, Steve (Julie Fairchild) Koeppel of Columbia; a sister, Donna (John) Parke of Eureka; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dan was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Ron Koeppel; and a nephew, Aaron Parke.

Visitation will be from 3:00 to 6:30 pm on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau, with a parish vigil service to begin at 6:30 pm, followed by a Rosary led by the family.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Monday, April 20, 2026 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jackson with the Rev. Joseph Stoverink officiating.

Burial will be at Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson.

Memorial contributions may be given to TOB Educators, www.tobeducators.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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

Parish Vigil Service and Rosary

APR 19. 6:30 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

APR 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
208 S. Hope
Jackson, MO 63755

Tribute Wall

JO

“ Jean (Stoverink), Thom, & Octave purchased the *Vivid Recollections* for the family of Dan Koepfel.



Jean (Stoverink), Thom, & Octave - April 19 at 03:50 PM

TV

“ Todd V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dan Koepfel.

Todd V. - April 18 at 01:18 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dan Koepfel.



April 18 at 12:31 PM



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April 18 at 12:31 PM

DS

“ *Koeppel Family,
Dan was such a kind, gentle and helpful man. He never made me feel foolish when I didn't understand something IT-related. He was my colleague at the University and we all knew we could trust Dan's knowledge and experience. I am so sorry for your loss and i will keep you all in my heart and in my prayers.*

*Diane Sides
Ballwin, Mo*

Diane O. Sides - April 17 at 11:24 AM

EF

“ *Emily & the Muir Family purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Dan Koeppel.*



Emily & the Muir Family - April 17 at 10:37 AM

FB

“ *Rita and Alice, I am sorry for your loss. Many prayers to your family.*

Frankie Briggen - April 17 at 10:15 AM

MG

Dear Rita I am so sorry to hear of Dan's passing I will pray for Dan, you and the boys that God will give you His peace in your sorrow Mary Lou Geary

Mary L Geary - April 17 at 04:19 PM

MB

“ *Rita, I am so sorry for your loss; you and your family are in my prayers. Mary Eftink Boner*

Mary Eftink Boner - April 17 at 08:52 AM

TP

“ Rita, Drew, and Nick-
We are so very sorry for all of you! Dan was very patient and helpful to me at the University with learning Excel. I think of all the soccer games we watched a long time ago. We are thinking of all of you and wishing you peace.
Tiffany & Michael Parker

Tiffany Parker - April 16 at 04:44 PM

DF

“ Debby, Joe, Suzy, Rob, and families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dan Koepfel.



Debby, Joe, Suzy, Rob, and families - April 16 at 12:19 PM

FE

“ from David & Karen Eanes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dan Koepfel.



from David & Karen Eanes - April 16 at 12:14 PM

TB

“ Rita, Drew & Nick - We knew Dan when we worked at Southeast and thought he was such a kind, thoughtful man. We are thinking of you all during this time. Paul & Theresa Belvin

Theresa Belvin - April 16 at 10:29 AM

DH

“ Rita, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family

Donna Heuer - April 16 at 09:23 AM

BW

“ So sorry to read of Dan's passing. You are in my prayers.

brad wittenborn - April 15 at 09:22 PM

KM

“ Rita, Alice, and Steve,
I am very sorry for your loss. Danny was one of my best friends through high school and college. He was the one that got me hired on at Wal-Mart, also when I was 15.

Danny introduced me to the really good music. Music that I still enjoy today.

He and I had many wonderful adventures, playing poker, riding our dirt bikes and occasionally splitting a 6 pack or two after work.

I have thought about getting back in touch with Danny many times over the years but sadly never followed through. It sounds like he lived a full and rewarding life.

Please know that you are all in my prayers.

Kevin McCullough

Kevin McCullough - April 15 at 07:22 PM

BT

“ Brown GNO Group and EDI Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dan Koeppel.

Brown GNO Group and EDI Team - April 15 at 01:33 PM

BT

“ *Brown GNO Group and EDI Team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dan Koeppel.*



Brown GNO Group and EDI Team - April 15 at 01:33 PM