



## David Bruce Cotner

February 11, 1947 - March 9, 2026

David Bruce Cotner, 79, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Monday, March 9, 2026 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born February 11, 1947 in Cape Girardeau, MO to John R. and Patricia R. Bond Cotner.

David was born and lived in Cape before moving to Chicago with his family. Eventually he moved back to Cape and worked at several factory jobs such as Florsheim, and Lee Rowan before becoming a custodial supervisor at Southeast Missouri University where he met several exchange students that became life long friends and opened him up to new cultures and allowed him to take multiple trips to Japan to visit and immerse himself in their way of life. When not traveling you could find him in the garage working diligently on the conversion of his Harley Davidson motorcycle with his grand daughter Lynlee. He would say when she came in that "It is the best part of his day and brought him pure joy". He was a member of 1st Baptist Cape Girardeau.

Survivors include a daughter, Michele Cotner (Jerry Yamnitz) of Jackson, Missouri; son, Mark Cotner of Jackson, Missouri; and a granddaughter, Lynlee Yamnitz.

He was preceded in death by his father, John R. Cotner, mother, Patricia R.

Bond Lee, and step-father, Elmus Jerry Lee.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at Ford & Son Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 am Friday, March 13, 2026 at the funeral home with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating.

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

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**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**MAR 12.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

### Funeral Service

**MAR 13.** 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Bruce Cotner.* ”



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March 12 at 03:34 PM