



## David Ernst Schaffner

August 6, 1936 - October 22, 2020

David Ernst Schaffner, 84, of Cape Girardeau, passed away Thursday, October 22, 2020 at Southeast Hospital.

He was born in Jefferson City, Missouri August 6, 1936 to Earl J.F. and Hedwig Engelbrecht Schaffner.

David was a graduate of Webster Groves High School. He attended Southeast Missouri State College, where he met his future wife of 62 years, Barbara Ann Blattner Schaffner. He graduated from Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee in 1969.

He worked for Brown Shoe Company at locations in Missouri and Tennessee. He worked at Jim Wilson Company in Cape Girardeau from 1970 until his retirement in 2005.

He was active in church, serving on church councils, as church president and teaching Sunday School at Evangelical UCC Church in Cape Girardeau. He served as Pastor of St. John's UCC Church in Fruitland from 1992 to 2014. He continued to serve as interim pastor in many churches throughout the region. He was president of the local morning optimist from 1988-1990. In the state organization he served as optimist club lieutenant governor from 1989-1990. In retirement, he remained active as a volunteer with the Cape Girardeau Senior Center, delivering meals on wheels.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Schaffner; brother, Jim Schaffner; son, Steve (Linda) Schaffner; daughter, Helen (Rick) Cason; grandchildren, Stephanie (Todd) French, Dr. Charlotte (Michael) Cervantes, Eddie Cason and

great-granddaughter, Emma French.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, David Blake Schaffner.

There will be a private graveside service at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery with Rev. Jeff Estes officiating.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date when the pandemic has passed, and the flowers start to bloom.

The family appreciates memorial contributions to Maple Avenue United Methodist Church Building Fund or other mission needs.

# Cemetery Details

## **Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery**

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Pastor Dave was always the friendly comforter to my sister's family and probably Bonnie's best pen pal. He had a great smile, was interested in many activities including baseball. My condolences to Barbara and family. For now he has joined that great cloud of witnesses who will one glorious day return to this earth with King Jesus.*

*Blessings - Carl Armstrong*

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**CARL D ARMSTRONG** - October 27, 2020 at 10:57 AM

VD

“ *Victoria, Spencer, Mike and Dawn purchased the Fairest of All for the family of David Ernst Schaffner.*



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**Victoria, Spencer, Mike and Dawn** - October 25, 2020 at 06:42 PM

KB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. A favorite memory is when I would be out walking in the early mornings and always saw each other sharing a greeting and a few words.*

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**Kathie and Calvin Brennan** - October 25, 2020 at 06:39 PM

JS

“ *Jim Schaffner lit a candle in memory of David Ernst Schaffner*



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**Jim Schaffner** - October 25, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy and our prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow and loss.*

*Marcia and Mark Bliss*

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**Marcia Bliss** - October 25, 2020 at 03:08 PM

AK

“ *I am so sorry Dave has passed away. I had no idea he was in poor health. Please know you have my deepest sympathy and I'll call to see if i can help you in any way. Love, Anita Klasing*

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**Anita Allen Klasing** - October 25, 2020 at 01:42 PM

KH

“ *Wonderful Man!!*

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**Kim Hindman** - October 25, 2020 at 05:54 AM

MH

“ *Mr. And Mrs. Ken Heins lit a candle in memory of David Ernst Schaffner*



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**Mr. and Mrs. Ken Heins** - October 24, 2020 at 09:28 PM

DS

“ Our sincere sympathy to Barbara and family. We knew David and Barbara at St. John's UCC in Fruitland where he pastored for approximate 19 years. We had a great time with them. Dave and Barb worked hard for their LORD and SAVIOR.

*Dave will be missed. Rest In Peace friend.*

*Darrell and Ruth Sander*

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**Darrell W. and Ruth Ann Sander** - October 24, 2020 at 08:38 PM

PF

“ I remember working at Jim Wilson company after high school. He was a bright light then and will be in the hearts of those he touched. Going to Maple Avenue Church for that special eve with great food and Dave visiting with folks as he passed out fish. He will be missed by many. Keeping your family in prayer. Pam Froemsdorf

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**pamela froemsdorf** - October 24, 2020 at 08:34 PM

DH

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. Dave was a good friend.

*Paul and Debbie Hoffmann*



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**Debbie Hoffmann** - October 24, 2020 at 08:30 PM

JS

“ Janet Schaffner lit a candle in memory of David Ernst Schaffner



Janet Schaffner - October 24, 2020 at 07:17 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Rev. Schaffner. He was always so pleasant to talk to. Any time he saw us in the yard while walking Colby Jack he made a point to stop and talk a while. We will certainly miss him. Prayers for the family. Love, Janelle and Mike McCrite

Janelle McCrite - October 23, 2020 at 10:52 AM

EF

Oh Barb... I've fond memories of sitting at the "volunteers table" at the Senior Center when we were on break from "kitchen duty". Dave would come in to help deliver the meals and would have a silly joke to share with us. His jokes were so corny, you just had to laugh! He will remain in our hearts.

Evelyn Finney - October 27, 2020 at 04:53 AM

CK

I volunteered with Pastor Dave at the senior center. He was always good for a friendly conversation and sincere warmth. Sympathy to his beloved family which he talked of often. May God comfort each of you.

Connie Kuecker - October 28, 2020 at 01:41 PM