



Dennis Underwood

August 21, 1938 - November 5, 2023

Dennis Dean Underwood, 85, of Cape Girardeau died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, at his home.

He was born Aug. 21, 1938, in Stoddard County, Missouri, to John M. and Frances Gillespie Underwood.

He and Barbara Cossairt were married Feb. 9, 1957, at Bloomfield, Missouri.

Dennis loved his profession, selling cars. He lived by the Golden Rule and treated his customers accordingly. He worked at Groves Motor Co. for 62 years. From 1972-1986 he was part owner, with Ed Massey and Cliff Irwin. As a Ford 500 Club member, he was awarded honors and earned three trips through Ford Motor Co. He loved to travel and had been abroad several times with his wife, Barbara. He was active in the Cape Girardeau Jaycees from 1963-1974, was president of the local club, a state vice president and was awarded a Jaycee International Scholarship.

Dennis was an active member of Abbey Road Christian Church, having served as deacon, life elder, church board chairman, stewardship chairman and trustee.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Barbara Underwood of Cape

Girardeau; three sons, Timothy (Marcia) Underwood of Sikeston, Missouri; Joel Underwood of Springfield, Missouri; and Terence (Rachel) Underwood of Cape Girardeau; daughter-in-law, Julia Underwood Burton; a brother, Brian Underwood (Carol Hunt) of St. Louis; a sister, Alice (Burt) Cofman of Leominster, Massachusetts; four grandchildren, Caitlin (John) Hoskins of St. Louis; Tyler Underwood (Katie Baroway) of Lakewood, Colorado; Evan (Aly) Underwood of Laurie, Missouri; and Connor Underwood of Springfield, Illinois; three great-grandchildren, Hattie Hoskins, Dawson Underwood and Jesse Underwood; and nieces and nephews.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents; son, Mark Underwood; three brothers, Jack, Jim and Doyle Underwood; and a sister, Nelda Simpson.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Rodger Kiepe officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Abbey Road Christian Church, 2411 Abbey Road, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 28566, St. Louis, MO 63146.

Online condolences may be made at fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Just got the Cape paper and learned of your father’s death, Tim. Love and prayers to you and Marcia. I am now in assisted living here at the Chateau after getting Covid. I am well taken care of.
Donna B.

Donna Barks - November 10, 2023 at 06:48 PM

DO

“ Dennis was a wonderful man. Always a smile. You are now reunited with your son Mark and all your family and friends that went before you.

Doug Obermann - November 09, 2023 at 08:34 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dennis was a great community leader, amazing father, and husband. I was blessed having Dennis be part of my life growing up. I am on the East Coast on Friday and will miss the funeral. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you always.

David Barklage - November 09, 2023 at 05:04 PM

LC

“ I worked with Dennis for ten years from around 72 to 81 my wife and I as did my family bought many cars and trucks from dennis he always treated us with very professional service became a friendship over the years thoughts and prayers to family.

Lester conway - November 09, 2023 at 10:16 AM

KT

“ *DENNIS UNDERWOOD WAS A VERY FINE I EVER WORKED.
HONEST, SINCERE MAN.
R.S.P.*

Kathy Teichman - November 09, 2023 at 02:13 AM

KT

“ *Kathy Teichman lit a candle in memory of
Dennis Underwood*



Kathy Teichman - November 09, 2023 at 02:09 AM

JC

“ *I've know Dennis for over 40 years. I worked for 2 finance
companies that carried Groves floor plan. Anytime I had a question
or wanted a new car I would call Dennis, he always knew the
answer or would help me with the purchase. My first new car was a
1962 Falcon which Dennis sold me. Cape Girardeau lost one of
its best citizens when they lost Dennis!*

Judi (Gibson) Coleman - November 07, 2023 at 12:59 PM