



## Donald Lee Beard

July 15, 1946 - April 20, 2018

Donald Lee Beard

Born July 15, 1946 in Cape Girardeau to William R. and Juliene C. Brinkopf Beard.

Died April 20, 2018 at the Lutheran Home, in Cape Girardeau after a courageous fight with cancer, surrounded by his family

Married to Patricia Kurre Rothe on December 28, 2006.

Attended Trinity Lutheran School through 8th grade and then Cape Central High School where he graduated in 1964.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He was baptized Sept. 8, 1946. He confessed his faith in the rite of confirmation at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau on April 10, 1960.

He graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Marketing Management

He operated Beard's Sports Shop with his parents William and Juliene Beard and brother Daniel. The store closed in 2002 after 40 yrs. in business on

Broadway. He was later employed at Elias Ace Hardware in Cape Girardeau

In 2017, he was inducted into the Cape Central High School Hall of Fame as a member of the 1962 Tigers Football Team. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Patti Beard of Cape Girardeau; Mother of his children, Mary Langston of Cape Girardeau; a brother, Daniel Beard (Debbie) of Cape Girardeau; Two sons, Jason Beard and Jeffrey Beard (Charlsie Hethershaw) of Cape Girardeau; Three Step-Sons, Eric Rothe of The Woodlands, Texas; Ben Rothe (Rachel) of Spring, Texas; and Daniel Rothe (Angela) of Coppell, Texas; three grandchildren, Jamie Sharkey, Sarah Rothe, and Abraham Rothe; several nephews and nieces, including Brian Beard (Anna-Marie) of Ironton, MO and Laura Beard Foster (Ben) of Campbell, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Juliene Beard.

Visitation will be Monday, April 23, 2018 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home.

Funeral will be Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with Rev. Douglas Breite and Rev. Daniel Maske officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials to Trinity Lutheran School Foundation or Cape Central High School Athletics.

# 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

**APR 23.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1313  
[info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)  
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## Service

**APR 24.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Patti, so sorry to read of the passing of Don. We were teammates on a Connie Mack Team. I am sorry we didn't get together sooner. You are in the Stone family prayers.  
Bill and Jan Stone



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**Bill & Jan Stone** - April 26, 2018 at 12:04 PM

 Bill Presser

“ Our sympathies to the family. We spent a lot of time talking with Don over the years at the different ball fields when the boys were small. Jason and Jeff were the same ages as our boys and they played together often. Please know you are all in our prayers.  
The Presser family

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**Bill Presser** - April 25, 2018 at 08:40 AM

SW

“ So many memories of the cousins playing at the river, dodging snakes being shot while we were swimming! Lots of teasing and laughing at family gatherings! Really enjoyed catching up and sharing memories after our Aunt Judy's funeral~~so glad we had that time together to share our lives as grown-ups. Love, Susan Beard Weitzel (cousin to Don and Dan)--my father (Bob) was Bill Beard's brother.

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**Susan Weitzel** - April 23, 2018 at 08:25 PM

CG

“ Carlos and Dianne Guerra purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald Lee Beard.



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**Carlos and Dianne Guerra** - April 23, 2018 at 01:56 PM

BM

“ Patti, I am so sorry to hear about Donald! I was so happy when the two of you got married. He was such a nice guy! My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family! Love, Brenda Barks McClain

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**Brenda Barks McClain** - April 23, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Beard.



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April 23, 2018 at 10:32 AM

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“ Pharmaceutical Strategies Group (PSG) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Lee Beard.



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**Pharmaceutical Strategies Group (PSG)** - April 23, 2018 at 10:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Beard.* ”



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April 22, 2018 at 06:17 PM