



## Earl Gene Cotner

December 20, 1934 - September 4, 2023

Earl Gene Cotner, 88, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Monday, September 4, 2023 at Southeast Hospital.

He was born December 20, 1934 in Cape Girardeau to James Edward and Prudence McClard Cotner.

He retired as Head Buyer from Wetterau/ Super Value where he was employed for over 30 years.

He was a member of the Scott City School Board and the President of the PTA where he was a star in the Annual Follies! He was also the secretary of the Little League Baseball Organization. He was an avid golfer and a member of Kimbeland Country Club in Jackson. He also pitched fast pitch softball for 25 years where he could throw a 98 mph pitch! He was a supporter of SEMO basketball and an enthusiastic Cardinals Fan. He was a member of West Side Church of God, where he was involved with various offices.

Survivors include two daughters, JoDonna (Homer) Markhart of Hillsboro and Susan (David) Crader of Scott City; A son, Michael Cotner of Cape Girardeau; a brother, Jim (Doris) Cotner of St. Charles, seven grandchildren, Amy Kester, Sara (fiancé, Jon Atwood) Kiplinger, Trae (Alysen) Cotner, Joseph (Rebekah) Cotner, Courtney (Clayton) Uptain, Danielle (Jared) Green, Joshua (Eva) Markhart; and seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his children's mother, Donna Glenice Cotner.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Virgil, Thomas and Harvey; and four sisters, Evelyn Snyder, Buelah "Boots" Loucks, Mary Sander

and Margaret Wilson.

Visitation will be 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial service will follow at 12:00 pm Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com) <<http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com>>. Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

SEP 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Glenice, Sue, Mike and JoDonna:  
We did not know about Earl's passing until we received our newspaper in the mail at noon today. We're so sorry this was too late to attend his service. We want you to know we are thinking of you and will remember Earl in our prayers. We pray God will send you and your families comfort at this very sad time.  
Love, Carolyn and Jim Clayton

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**Carolyn Clayton** - September 09, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Earl Gene Cotner.

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September 09, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ Earl was a great friend and coworker. He had a kind heart! May he rest in peace. Deepest Sympathy! Cheryl and Jim Lawrence

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**Cheryl Lawrence** - September 09, 2023 at 10:49 AM



*I grew up on the same street as the Corners. God bless this very good family.*

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**Jeffry (Boswell) Hawk** - September 09, 2023 at 02:09 PM



*Deepest Sympathy to the Cotner family.*

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**Jeffry (Boswell) Hawk** - September 09, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl Gene Cotner.*



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September 08, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss*



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**Laurie Powers** - September 08, 2023 at 03:05 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Earl Gene Cotner.*



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September 07, 2023 at 07:01 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Earl Gene Cotner.*

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September 07, 2023 at 07:01 PM

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“ *Earl was a true friend and valued co-worker. His integrity, work ethic, and loyalty will always be unchallenged. I am honored to have known him. My prayers and warmest thoughts to the whole family.*  
*Don Rogers*

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**Don Rogers** - September 07, 2023 at 02:50 PM

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“ *Earl was a joy to work with at Wetterau - he will be missed.*  
*Gael Ledure*

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**Gale Ledure** - September 07, 2023 at 01:29 PM