



Earl W James

September 30, 1938 - February 4, 2026

Earl William James, 87, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at Chateau Girardeau.

He was born September 30, 1938 in Cape Girardeau, MO to J. Frank and Esther Anita (Siemers) James.

He and Mary Rose Palisch were married September 30, 1962 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Earl was raised on the James' Dairy Farm. He became an agricultural lender at First National Bank and later, Centre Bank. He later worked for the state of Missouri in weights and measures. He enjoyed golfing and bowling. He served as president of the Semo District Fair and was a member of the Optimist Club.

He was a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

Survivors include son, Daniel (Jennifer) James of Jackson, MO; two grandchildren, Josh James, Seth James; brother, Donald James of Cape Girardeau, MO; three sisters-in-law, Georgie James, Wanda James, Susan (Jan) Goris; brother-in-law John (Pat) Palisch; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by wife, Mary Rose James; parents; four brothers, John James, Franklin James, Robert James, Joe James.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday, February 9, 2026 at Ford & Son Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 am Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. John Dehne officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Andrew Lutheran Church or St. Paul Lutheran School.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1313
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Funeral Service

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Earl W James.*



February 07 at 10:09 PM



“ *You are already missed, my friend. You were the definition of a "giver" and you always knew how to make me laugh. My prayers continue for Dan and his family. Godspeed Earl James. David Burdin*

David Burdin - February 06 at 06:03 PM



“ *I had the honor and pleasure to work for Earl at Centre Bank in the loan department throughout my high school and college years. How fortunate for me to cross paths with such a fair and kind individual for my very first job. I will always treasure the memories. My condolences and prayers to the James family. Joyce (Payne) Farrar*

Joyce Payne Farrar - February 06 at 01:58 PM



“ *The Myers Family! purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Earl W James.*



The Myers Family! - February 06 at 09:10 AM

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“ *The Myers Family! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl W James.*

The Myers Family! - February 06 at 09:10 AM

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“ *In loving memory to the family from Jane Cooper Stacy! With ❤️*

jane Cooper Stacy - February 06 at 07:38 AM