



Earl Seay Mackey

December 16, 1937 - August 26, 2019

Earl Seay Mackey, 81, of Portland, Oregon died Monday Aug. 26, surrounded by family in Portland, Oregon. He was born Dec. 16, 1937 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Christopher and Gracia Seay Mackey.

He graduated from Cape Central High School and from The University of Missouri with a law degree. He worked as a legislative assistant to Senator Symington in Washington D.C. and then returned to Cape Girardeau in 1964 to practice law. He was later elected state representative where he served from 1966 to 1968.

Earl went on to a career focused primarily on legislative institutions at both the state and federal level. He was with the National Conference of State Legislatures from 1975 to 1987 and served as executive director and legislative director of international programs. Subsequently, his focus narrowed to higher education and government ethics and he served in related executive positions in Portland, Oregon, Frankfort, Kentucky and Columbus, Ohio.

Earl retired to Venice, Florida in 2001 and spent many years traveling the world and enjoying his association with the Jung Society of Sarasota. Declining health led him to relocate to Portland in 2016 to be closer to family.

Survivors include his brother, J. Linn Mackey of Durham, North Carolina; sons, Shawn Mackey of Sikeston, Missouri and Colin (Sarah Jane) Mackey of Sacramento, California; daughters, Michelle Aamodt of Draper, Utah and Heather Clement (Steve) of Portland, Oregon; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Christopher Mackey.

A graveside service will be held at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau Saturday, Aug. 31 at 2 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Earl in the early 2000s in Armenia as his translator. I will always remember him as a great individual, a truth-seeker and a great friend. When I think of him I imagine an eagle in the sky, a free spirit. Now my husband and I are listening to Peter Gabriel and my husband remembered that when he was at our place he was listening to these records with pleasure.

We will always remember him. Please accept our condolences for your loss.

Angela Ghasabyan - May 12, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ I fondly remember Earl running football plays first with Michell then with Collin then Heather in grandma June's backyard. Early of a morning we would find him reading the paper in the garden enjoying the flowers and the changing seasons in Salt Lake City. with love
Geoffrey Orme

Geoffrey Orme - August 30, 2019 at 04:21 PM

GS

“ So sorry to hear of Earl's passing, he and I go back to Franklin School through time in the army at Camp Chaffee Ark. and Ft. Lee Va.
I'm sure he will be missed, I will keep all of his family in my prayers.
Gene Statler
3020 Summertree Dr
Sebring, Fla 33872

Gene Statler - August 29, 2019 at 01:53 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Earl Seay Mackey.*



August 29, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ *During high school Earl and I shared many experiences in sports, hunting and trying many different activities sum turned out okay and others were learning experiences that help prepare us for life. Our paths went in different directions after high school, but I always look back on our shared experiences and am thankful that I had a good friend to share them with. God be with you and your family. Guy Lowes*

guy lowes - August 29, 2019 at 10:40 AM