



## Edward Martin Bender

July 2, 1918 - June 30, 2016

Edward Martin Bender, 97, of Cape Girardeau went to his eternal home Thursday, June 30, 2016 at the Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau.

He was born July 2, 1918 in Cape Girardeau to Martin G. and Elinor Wilder Bender. Ed and Kathryn Stiegemeyer were married June 23, 1951.

Ed was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, and graduated from Trinity Lutheran School, Central High School, and Southeast Missouri State University. He served in the US Army Air Corps from 1942-1945 as a flight instructor and the Pilot of a B-17 Bomber. He was a Prisoner of War at Stalag Luft III for a year and four days. He later served in the Air Force Reserves, attaining the rank of Lt. Colonel. He was a letter carrier in Cape Girardeau from 1940-1961. He was a writer/editor for the US Department of the Interior/Bureau of Mines in Rolla, MO and Washington, D.C. from 1961-1979.

Ed was a member of Trinity Men's Club, the VFW, and the American Legion. At the age of 90 he completed his memoirs: "Lest They Forget Freedom's Price."

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, and daughters, Diane Maurer of Cape

Girardeau, and Miriam Larson (Jim) of Knoxville, TN; grandchildren, Matthew (Trish) Maurer of Argyle, WI, Ryan (Linden) Maurer of Dallas, TX, Andrew (Jennifer) Maurer of Cape Girardeau, Mikaela (Eric) Larson Fuchs of Knoxville, TN, Aaron (Marie) Larson of Nashville, TN and Micah Larson of Knoxville, TN; great grandchildren, Madison Maurer of Cape Girardeau and Henry and Seth Fuchs of Knoxville; brother, Kenneth (Martha) Bender of Cape Girardeau.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters, Louise Roth and Margaret Cruce.

Funeral service will be Saturday, July 2, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau with Rev. Douglas Breite officiating. Visitation will be at the church one hour prior to the funeral.

Burial with full military honors will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to Trinity Lutheran School Foundation or Saint Francis Hospice.

# 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

JUL 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
100 N. Frederick  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Service

JUL 2. 3:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
100 N. Frederick  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Edward Martin Bender.*



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July 01, 2016 at 11:54 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Martin Bender.*



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July 01, 2016 at 11:50 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.*

*Ed and Tamara Casanova*

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**Tamara Casanova** - July 01, 2016 at 10:46 AM