



Ernest Nordman III

April 26, 1948 - September 19, 2025

Ernest Nordman III, 77, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri lost his battle with Alzheimer's disease on Friday, September 19, 2025, at Jackson Manor.

He was born April 26, 1948, in Cairo, Illinois to Ernest Nordman Jr. and Lydabeth Tucker Nordman. Growing up he played football, basketball and was a baseball stand-out, graduating from Cairo High in 1966.

He continued his studies at Murray State University where he earned a bachelor's in marketing in December 1970 and was a proud Sigma Chi.

Ernie married his childhood sweetheart, Judith Ann Wissinger, May 22, 1970, and they were married 55 years. During that time they had three children and Ernie enjoyed a long career in sales. He was a born salesman and spent 35 years of that career in the pharmaceutical industry.

An involved father, Ernie coached his kids in soccer, baseball, softball and was a starter at swim meets. He was active in the community, as well, serving as president of the Cape Central Booster Club, the Cape Gators Swim Team Booster Club and the local Kiwanis Club. He was also a long-time member of Kimbeland Country Club and Grace United Methodist Church.

Ernie is preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law, James Randall

Wissinger.

He is survived by his wife; daughter, Rachael (Joe) Narsh; daughter, Gretchen (Andy) McMillen; son, Todd (Malia) Nordman; sister, Elizabeth Nordman Sharpe; as well as nine grandchildren.

Arrangements will held at Grace United Methodist Church on Thursday, October 2. Visitation will be from 9-11 am with the funeral service from 11-12 pm. Reverend Scott Moon will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Grace United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace United Methodist Church
521 Caruthers Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace United Methodist Church
521 Caruthers Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest Nordman III.*



October 01, 2025 at 07:46 AM



“ . *purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ernest Nordman III.*



. - September 30, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ *Ernie was a great fraternity brother to all of us and especially with me. I remember when we got fancy uniforms for the EX softball team, which nobody had done before, then won the championship. He had one hell of an arm. Sorry we lost touch after graduation, but I remember him as one of my very best friends from college. Great Dude in every phase of life.*

Rest in peace

Frank Gowin

Miami, FL

Frank Gowin - September 26, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ernest Nordman III.*



September 26, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ *Ann Wissinger and Wissinger Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ernest Nordman III.*



Ann Wissinger and Wissinger Families - September 24, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ *Judy, so sorry for this time you are facing, maybe this will help. I took Ernie and Gray with me to KY. to pick strawberries and it taught me a lesson., Ernie would hollow because Gary would get on his roll, they both traded rows. Both destroyed more berries with those big feet as they were ready for high school We did bring some home==,BUT Gary and Ernie ate they share while in the field. felt sorry for the pickers who followed us I went picking by myself. .*

carolyn rollings - September 24, 2025 at 06:13 PM



“ *The Callahan's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest Nordman III.*

The Callahan's - September 24, 2025 at 03:09 PM

TC

“ The Callahan’s purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ernest Nordman III.



The Callahan’s - September 24, 2025 at 03:09 PM

ST

“ Dear Ernie,
I've know you only through Rachael's stories. You must have been the best dad because she speaks of you with so much love. And some very funny anecdotes too (your 5-stepper being one of my favs)
Hope you find peace up there. Maybe look up my dad and have a beer or two.

Dear Rach, Ms Judy and all family, wishing you strength to cope with this grieve. Having many many loving & funny memories will help you <3

Hugs

Stedanie & Simon Warburton

Stefanie - September 24, 2025 at 12:29 PM

RA

Thank you, Warburton’s!

Rachael - September 27, 2025 at 12:34 AM

CC

“ Carter Lumber Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest Nordman III.

Carter Lumber Company - September 24, 2025 at 09:03 AM

CC

“ *Carter Lumber Company purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ernest Nordman III.*



Carter Lumber Company - September 24, 2025 at 09:03 AM

MB

“ *Dear Judy and family I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking to Ern about about our Cairo days and Murray State. May the grace of God be with you all through this. There will always be a special place in my heart for what we all shared in Cairo...Mitch Barkett*

Mitch Barkett - September 22, 2025 at 10:26 PM

DM

“ *Ernie Norman, Sigma Chi Brother, All Honor to his Name. Being a little younger and growing up in Cairo, Ernie was always a great guy to be around. He was encouraging in sports and led by example for all us younger guys he was a roll model and always had time to share with others. Judy, I am very sad for your loss. Please know I am praying for you and the family for comfort and strength during this difficult time.*

David Marshall - September 22, 2025 at 09:39 PM

TC

“ *Tony and Phyllis Cella purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ernest Nordman III.*



Tony and Phyllis Cella - September 22, 2025 at 06:46 PM

TC

“ Tony and Phyllis Cella planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest Nordman III.

Tony and Phyllis Cella - September 22, 2025 at 06:46 PM

TB

“ The Family of Bubba Bearden purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Ernest Nordman III.



The Family of Bubba Bearden - September 22, 2025 at 01:29 PM

BF

“ Our condolences to Judy, Rachael, Gretchen, Todd and the whole family. So many great memories of family vacations to Destin, of many golf trips to Biloxi and and trips to STL to watch high school basketball games. Ern was indeed one of a kind. Our prayers are with you all. Bob & Connie.

Bob Fox - September 22, 2025 at 10:00 AM

JS

Judy so sorry for your loss, no longer in pain and hurt. Prayers to you and your family. Jim & Karen Sander

Jim & Karen Sander - September 22, 2025 at 06:45 PM

KJ

I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray that God provides you with comfort, peace, and understanding during this difficult time.

Ken Pemberton, Jr. - September 22, 2025 at 07:59 PM

DP

Judy I'm so sorry for your loss, keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers

David Petermichel - September 22, 2025 at 11:53 PM

GF

Judy, we were so sorry to hear about Ern's passing. He was a great friend and neighbor at CHS. Played lots of ball together. We always had such fun times at reunions and at the Gale Dawson weekend. Spent nights playing with his trains and dice baseball. Good memories! Ernie was the baseball player I ever played with and against. He's no longer suffering from that horrible disease and is with his Lord and Savior in the most wonderful and beautiful place prepared for us. He waiting for you and all of us for the reunion that will never end. I pray for your entire family and hope you will find rest from your loving care you provided him. God bless you and keep you. Love and blessings, Gary and Barb Fox ❤️

Gary and Barb Fox - September 23, 2025 at 06:02 PM