



## Frank Clippard

April 11, 1942 - August 28, 2020

Franklin Delano Clippard, 78, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed away Friday, August 28, 2020 at his home surrounded by his children and dear friend Ella.

Frank was born April 11, 1942 in Greenbrier, Missouri to John E. and Ruby A. Clippard.

He was a graduate of Zalma High School.

On July 29, 1960 he married his wife of 56 years, Catherine Wunderlich Clippard. She preceded him in death on May 23, 2016. Together they had three children, Lori Clippard, Shelly Gaffigan, and John Clippard.

Frank was an avid fisherman his whole life and enjoyed hunting in his younger years.

He spent his life in the food industry as a broker and retired as vice-president of Bene-Patterson Company. He also served his country in the Navy Reserves.

After his retirement he ventured into car sales, and opened Frank's Cars, operating this business until July of 2020.

Survivors include his children, Lori (Fara McDonald) Clippard of Cape Girardeau, Shelly (Tom) Gaffigan of Knoxville, Tennessee and John Clippard of Cape Girardeau; sister, Kaye Lampman; brother, Lonnie (Tom) Clippard; four grandchildren, Ryan Cagle, Allison Cagle, Kendra Cagle and Logan Clippard; one great-grandchild, Braedyn McElhaney; special friend, Ella Dean; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brothers, James E. Clippard and Charles Curtis Clippard; sisters, Dora Lee Ross, JoAnn McKee and Wanda Caldwell. He was also preceded in death by his beloved grandson, John David "J.D." Clippard.

The family offers their sincere appreciation to Crown Hospice for the loving care they provided not only to Frank, but to the entire family.

There will be no visitation due to COVID-19. A graveside service with full military honors will be 1:00 pm Thursday, September 3, 2020 at the gazebo at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery and Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Weston Wildauer officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to Crown Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Frank was a great friend and a stand up honest man. He will truly be missed by many. God Bless Each and Everyone of you at this trying time. R.I.P Frank the Lord has you safe in his arms now 🙏🙏  
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Kim Minner - September 06, 2020 at 08:06 PM

JC

“ Dearest Uncle, you are already greatly missed. Salt of the earth and kind to those in need, looking after others was a part of your fabric, just one of your many qualities. We miss your laughter, quick wit and beautiful voice. Until we meet again.

Jillian and Simon Cotter

Jillian Cotter - September 03, 2020 at 12:48 PM

AM

“ There was no merrier spirit or bigger heart. We will always love Frank for his laugh, his mischief, his ability to turn any situation into fun--a trip to the store, a bus ride, a power outage. We admired his plain talk which seemed to come equally from seeing things clearly and saying them honestly. You could always count on Frank for the truth. And for kindness. He looked after people. We will miss him and love him for as long as we live.

Allen and Mae McKee - September 03, 2020 at 01:14 AM

VC

“ Frank was a great person. JD and I have only known Frank since 2008. He would always tell us we changed the way he bought car's. I would drive him back to his lot or Campus Auto or wher ever he needed to go. He was always happy and would always give me a hard time. I always gave back whatever he gave. JD and and I are gonna miss him terribly. Much love to the family!

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**Vanessa Caughman** - September 02, 2020 at 08:36 PM

NH

“ I want to extend my condolence for your family. Frank was a wonderful person. I always look forward to seeing him on Wednesday it was our vendor rep day. I knew Frank from the Wetterau/SuperValu buying department. So many special memories. I know your family will miss him. He was one of those special person with a great personality. Nancy Hester...

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**Nancy Hester** - September 02, 2020 at 07:24 PM

GK

“ Rest in Peace, Dear Friend, Frank Clippard.

*Glenn and Barb Kroenung*

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**Glenn Kroenung** - September 02, 2020 at 06:10 PM

ED

“ Even though we only had 4 1/2 years together, I was blessed to know this wonderful man. We were able to find laughter again after we had lost our spouses...we also took numerous trips together creating memories that will keep me appreciating the time we had...The Clippard family and friends will forever be in my life , they excepted me from the very start...Frank Clippard, I will always remember you for that big laughter and loving me....Oh!! How I miss hearing your voice...and talking about our days events...You remain forever in my heart...❤️❤�



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**Ella Talbert Dean** - September 02, 2020 at 12:21 AM

SY

“ He was a wonderful man that was a great friend to not only my mother but all the members of my family. Frank wore a big smile and had a big heart...i pray we all do a good job of doing the same and paying that forward. Rest In Peace friend 🙏

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**Sandi Young** - September 01, 2020 at 11:43 PM

DS

“ Dianna K Smith lit a candle in memory of Frank Clippard



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**Dianna K Smith** - September 01, 2020 at 11:13 PM

WS

“ one of the best people i ever worked for my first week he sent me and wife to aruba for a week at least a couple times a month we would venture to tunica we always had a good time but we worked when we had to meet quotas always had a smile and a story clip you will be missed

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**wayne smith** - September 01, 2020 at 09:29 PM

BT

“ We new Frank for a long time and our girls were friends. We send our love and prayers to his kids.  
*Bob & Bev Tackett*

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**Bob & Bev Tackett** - September 01, 2020 at 09:24 PM

RS

“ You were always, such a wonderful friend all thru the year's at Zalma, when I would come back to Advance, you would call the one's who were in our class 1960 always a good time to see you and Cathy, with all who showed up, my husband would always say Frank is a good person, and he was



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**Robert Sampson** - September 01, 2020 at 09:10 PM

RS

*Always a great one, will miss you but I'll see again save me a place at the Lord's supper table Carolyn Price Sampson*

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**Robert Sampson** - September 01, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Frank Clippard.*



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September 01, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ *I enjoyed getting to know Frank at the Drs office He always knew how to make someone smile. And we would keep each other motivated when he had a gym membership. He will me missed. ❤️*

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**Kay Hunt** - September 01, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ *I went to look at a car from Frank and he introduced himself and I said are you related to those Clippards from around Greenbrier? Of course he asked who I was. Explained I was Herb Newell's daughter and the rest was history. We Chitchatted a while and of course I bought the car..... I enjoyed Conversations and getting caught up as best we could. I remember the two youngest ones the best. I offer my condolences I offer my condolences  
Judy Newell Ruppel*

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**Judy Ruppel** - September 01, 2020 at 03:32 PM

KB

“ Your Dad and I were in the same grade at Zalma HS and we graduated in 1960. We went in different directions after graduating. We did not communicate for a number of years when your Dad became an avid Facebook user. I loved his messages and especially his pictures of his dinners he made for himself. I will miss all those wonderful Facebook messages. Prayers to the family and friends of Franks during this difficult time.

*Ken and Fran Bollinger  
Marietta, GA*

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**Kenneth c Bollinger** - September 01, 2020 at 03:16 PM

HB

“ To the family especially John: We remember you well from playing ball with our son, Scott Burnette; we had talked with your dad on more than one occasion in regards to trading vehicles; looks as if he's traded the vehicles for a new location. We send our love, prayers & most sincere condolences to each of you.

*Sincerely, Larry & Harryette Miller Burnette*

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**Harryette Miller Burnette** - September 01, 2020 at 01:01 PM

KJ

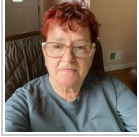
“ John:

*I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Your family are in my prayers. May God provide the peace, comfort, and understanding at this time.*

*Ken Pemberton, Jr.  
CHS Class of 1992*

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**Kenneth C. Pemberton, Jr.** - September 01, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ So sorry. RIP good Frank. From Frank Vinyard Lori & Fara I am so sorry for your loss , We are sending our love from Green Bay  
Kathleen Vinyard

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**Kathleen Vinyard** - August 31, 2020 at 07:13 PM

TP

“ You will definitely be missed by so many, but relieved you are no longer in pain. Rest peacefully and I will see you and mom Cathy again. Love you!

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**Traci Poole** - August 31, 2020 at 04:55 PM

GL

“ Frank I will miss our political discussions at the Pancake House but I will miss our friendship. I can say "Thanks for the Memories" and put a word in for me when you sit down with Jesus.

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**George Landre** - August 31, 2020 at 03:49 PM

MH

“ All of us at Campus Auto and Tire will miss Frank. Won't be the same not having him come in and give us "trouble" and laughs. Go catch the Big One buddy.

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**Michelle Hohler** - August 31, 2020 at 03:12 PM