



Franklin Delano Crites

August 7, 1938 - April 5, 2020

The beloved Franklin “Buster” Delano Crites, 81, of Jackson, Missouri lost his battle with Alzheimer’s but won his greatest victory Sunday, April 5, 2020 at The Villas of Jackson surrounded by his family.

He was born August 7, 1938 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and was the youngest son of Oscar and Edith Crites. He married Jeanne Watson on December 26, 1959. They relocated to Carbondale, IL in 1961 where they raised their family.

Frank was a proud and dedicated family man. He was steadfast in his faith in God. He was a bit of a prankster and loved a good joke. The best jokes always brought bouts of his joyful wheezing laughter. He had a soft spot for dogs and occasionally cats (which includes the cat he couldn’t outrun on an evening jog). He would always say that he “never wanted them,” but he would always be the first to spoil them. He also loved Alabama football, nascar racing, and horse racing.

He held many jobs in his lifetime. He worked as a systems analyst for the Housing Department at Southern Illinois University until his retirement. He was an active member of Maple United Methodist Church and sang in the choir with his beautiful baritone voice. He was a Navy Veteran, Past Master of the Masonic Lodge, and a Hospice volunteer.

He is survived by his dedicated loving wife, Jeanne, his two sons, David (Laura) and Jeffery (Cindy) and his four granddaughters, Christine, Michelle, Kaitlyn and Rachel as well as several nieces and nephews.

A small ceremony will be held at Ford & Sons Funeral Home on Thursday, April 9, 2020. A larger Celebration of Life will be planned once novel coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations designated to the building fund at the Maple United Methodist Church, 2441 Jean Ann Drive, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701.

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

Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I will forever remember Me. Blue Eyes. Jennie I love you and I'm so sorry for your loss 🙏. But Frank is dancing now 😊

Donna Hurst - May 15, 2020 at 09:25 PM

JP

“ Jeannie,
So sorry for your loss. Praying God will give you peace and comfort for your family in the days to come.

Prayers and Blessings
JudyPiper.

Judy Piper - April 09, 2020 at 12:14 PM

WM

“ Mrs crites I will miss my handsome guy real bad but I will keep u laughing

Wanda Mangels - April 09, 2020 at 09:06 AM

PS

“ Jeanne I am so sorry for your loss. Both you and Frank were super Hospice Volunteers and I missed you both from my last day there. I could depend on you anytime you agreed to come in and could depend on Frank when he committed to an assignment and to give me some good grief. I know you have been and are missing him now but happy he is with The Lord celebrating the best Easter possible. My prayers are with you and your family.

Pearla Smith - April 08, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you! We lived across the street from Frank for 13 years. He was very friendly and loved talking to us and our kids. He would always tell them, “get out of town.” We have many fond memories of Frank!

Dave, Tori, Luke, Drew, Seth and Tinsley

Tori Mirly - April 07, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin Delano Crites.



April 07, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Franklin Delano Crites.



April 06, 2020 at 05:14 PM