



Gary W. Metje

December 3, 1934 - August 12, 2020

Gary Wayne Metje, 85, passed away on August 13th, 2020 at Southeast Hospital.

He was born on December 3rd, 1934 in Cape Girardeau, MO, the son of Eldon H. and Edna Popp Metje.

He married Willa Clodine Wachter in Cape Girardeau on May 29th, 1955. She preceded him in death on September 6th, 2018.

He graduated from Cape Central High School and was in the Navy Reserves. He worked as a salesman for Harris Truck & Trailer for 35 years and was several times a top 10 in Dorsey trailer sales. His years of experience and strong work ethic led him to open his own business, G&M Trailers, in 1991.

Gary was an active member of Evangelical United Church of Christ. He and Clodine developed lifelong friendships there and were involved in many activities including making apple butter every September, Sunday School, and church suppers.

He also enjoyed playing fastpitch softball, bowling, golfing, and fishing. His family will remember him as an avid card player, and will cherish the many family vacations they enjoyed together.

Survivors include a sister Carolyn Nickens of Elsberry, MO, a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Kim Metje of Staunton, VA; a son, Kirk Metje, of Cape Girardeau; grandchildren Keri (Josh) Billig of Davidson, NC, Brad (Michelle) Metje of Fishersville, VA, Katelyn (Ted) Ivie of Cape Girardeau, Kris (Alli) Metje of Cape Girardeau, and Joshua Metje of Kansas City. Also surviving are great-grandchildren Annabelle and Jay Billig, Michael and McKenzie Via, and Blake, Max, Hazel, and Olive Ivie. He was delighted at the news that Kris and Alli would be adding to the family in November.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Roy Metje, and a son, Todd Michael Metje.

Private service and entombment were held at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum with Pastor Debra Tracy officiating.

Public visitation will be held on Sunday, August 30th, 2020 from 2pm to 3pm with a Celebration of Life Memorial Service following at 3pm at the Evangelical United Church of Christ at 33 S. Ellis in Cape Girardeau, MO.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of love and sympathy may be made to the Evangelical United Church of Christ Memorial Fund.

Fisherman's Prayer

God grant that I may live to fish for another shining day,
But when my final cast is made I then most humbly pray,
When nestled in your landing net As I lay peacefully asleep,
You'll smile at me and judge that I'm "good enough to keep."

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

AUG 30. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ
37 South Ellis
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Celebration of Life

AUG 30. 3:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ
37 South Ellis
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary W. Metje.*



August 28, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ *Always smiling. That's what I remember most about Gary. So sorry for your loss, Kirk Metje. Your dad was a nice man.*

Carol Kitchen - August 25, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ *Gary was a good friend and a pillar of Evangelical Church. To say the least, he was never shy about speaking up and sharing his point of view. He contributed to every aspect of church life. I really enjoyed his fellowship in apple butter making and at the Shannondale wood cutting trips. Gary was a loyal and loving companion to Clodine and did everything needed to enable her to continue living at home during her illness. Gary faced many challenges during the last decade of his life, but he hung in there and trusted in the Lord. My condolences and blessings to the Metje family.*

*Blessings,
Pastor Dan Johnson, Retired*

Dan Johnson - August 16, 2020 at 10:15 AM

JR

“ I would like to go to Gary Metje’s wake and funeral.
He and Clodine were super positive, influential people in my life.
I don’t think me joining in a room full of people is a good thing, at
this time.
Also, he was the best basketball coach I ever had.
I played and learned with Kirk, Randy, and Todd. All great guys -
chips off the ol’ block.

JERRY ROLOFF - August 14, 2020 at 11:03 PM



Jerry we will have a Celebration of Life service at church August 30th,
2pm

Kirk Metje - August 15, 2020 at 01:59 PM

JR

Thanks, Kirk. Take care, my friend.

Jerry Roloff - August 16, 2020 at 08:54 PM

MS

“ Mark & Tina Stacy purchased the Large Basket
Garden for the family of Gary W. Metje.



Mark & Tina Stacy - August 14, 2020 at 08:36 PM

CN

“ Sorry to hear of Gary's passing.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
With Loving Sympathy,
Charlotte "Chickie" Harris
Nenninger



Charlotte Nenninger - August 14, 2020 at 12:43 PM