



## George P. Wilmarth

November 5, 1942 - March 23, 2017

George P. Wilmarth, 74, the son of the late Albert W. and June Norby Wilmarth, passed away Thursday, March 23, 2017, at his home in Cape Girardeau, surrounded by the love of his family.

He was born Nov. 5, 1942, in Mandan, North Dakota, the oldest of five children.

Part of his childhood and formative years were spent in Wisconsin, where his love and passion for the Green Bay Packers grew. George attended seminary school, Marquette University and graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in May 1968.

George met the love of his life, Melba Yamnitz, in 1967 at the university, and they were married Nov. 30, 1968, at Perryville, Missouri.

He retired from the U.S. Navy and the Naval Reserves and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

George had worked for First Federal Savings and Loan for 16 years until 1991, when he became owner/operator of Wilmarth Painting Service.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau.

His faith and church were the foundation of his life. He was a sacristan and Eucharistic minister. He was a member of the men's Cursillo and Bible study groups. George was an enthusiastic and inspirational member of RCIA.

George was active in the community. He was a former member of the Jaycees and a member of American Legion Post No. 63. He was on the committee that helped start the Cape Area Youth Soccer Association. He was a master gardener and was part of Project Charlie and DARE.

Loving survivors include his beloved wife, Melba Wilmarth of Cape Girardeau; daughter, Laura (Brin Cook) James of Marion, Illinois, and her children, Jacob, Noah, Jonah and William; son, Joel (Deborah) Wilmarth of St. Louis, and his children, Meghan, Brendan, Corrin, Matthew and Aiden; daughter, Carissa Wilmarth of Cape Girardeau, and her children, Abbie and Reece; daughter, Jessica Wilmarth of St. Louis; sister, Susan Bowles of St. Louis; three brothers, Tim Wilmarth of St. Louis, Peter Wilmarth of Madison, Wisconsin, and Dr. Paul Wilmarth of St. Louis; and his father-in-law, Dalvin Yamnitz of Perryville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his mother-in-law, Viola Yamnitz.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home, with parish prayers at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with the Rev. David Hulshof officiating. Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery, with full military honors by the Missouri Honors Team.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.



# 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

**MAR 31.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1313  
[info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)  
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## Parish Prayers

**MAR 31.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

APR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church  
1919 Ritter Dr.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Full Military Honors by The Missouri Honors Team

APR 1 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *I worked with George at First Federal Savings & Loan. He was a nice man and I respected his service to our country. I was sorry to hear of his passing. My sympathy goes out to his family and friends.*

*Tami Rendleman*

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**Tami Rendleman** - April 04, 2017 at 04:44 PM

JM

“ *'godmother' Melba & family,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. I have fond memories of George at family picnics as a child...one of my very favorites!  
You all will be in our thoughts and prayers,  
Steve & Jackie (Parr) Morris*



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**Jackie & Steve Morris** - March 30, 2017 at 06:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George P. Wilmarth.*



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March 30, 2017 at 09:58 AM

DB

“ *Melba,  
Sorry to hear of your loss. Will keep you and your family in my prayers. Donna Ballman*

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**Donna Ballman** - March 27, 2017 at 11:19 AM

JL

“ To Joel and Deb Wilmarth, just wanted to extend deep and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your father.

*Janice Lane*

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**Janice Lane** - March 27, 2017 at 08:41 AM