



Gerald Davis

August 2, 1946 - January 27, 2023

Gerald (Jerry) Davis, 76, passed away on Friday, January 27, 2023 at his home in Jackson, Missouri with his family by his side.

He was born on August 2, 1946 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He was the son to the late Paul and Maxine Davis. Jerry was preceded in death by brother, Paul Davis, Jr; and sisters, Janet Hurley and Kimberly McClard.

Jerry was a graduate of Cape Central High School in 1964 where he met his wife, Roxie Houseman Davis. Roxie and Jerry were married in 1967. Jerry worked and ran the family farm with his father several years and worked with Ramsey Plumbing and Heating doing sheet metal work.

Jerry biggest passion, outside of his family, was finding and collecting Indian artifacts. He collected artifacts for nearly 60 years in the five-state area. Jerry regularly attended artifact shows in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. Jerry hosted an annual artifact show in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Sikeston, Missouri for 29 plus years. Many of Jerry's findings were published in books and journals.

He was one of the old-time collectors, seriously interested in artifacts and the people who made them. He was respected by his contemporaries and admired by those that were younger. His interest led him to walk hundreds of

miles searching for artifacts. His legacy are the artifacts and the knowledge and stories he shared with other collectors.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Roxie; children, Amy Rivenburgh (Brian), Robyn Davis (Jennifer) and granddaughters, Camryn and Caroline Rivenburgh.

A Visitation will be from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Thursday, February 2, 2023 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel.

Funeral service will follow at the funeral home.

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

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
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Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
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Funeral Service

FEB 2. 7:00 PM.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home Mt. Auburn

Tribute Wall

TB

“ I just learned of Jerry's passing. We shared a love of Native American artifacts and archaeology. It was always a treat to visit with him at the various artifact events. I commend him for his passion and skill in recovering artifacts that otherwise would probably never have been located. He participated in the digs at the famous Olive Branch site among others. Many will miss his stories, unmistakable voice and infectious laugh. My favorite memory is the afternoon my daughter and I spent with Jerry sharing his fabulous artifact collection with us. He could remember the location and circumstances of almost every artifact he found. Jerry was a most gracious host in his home and at the artifact shows he sponsored for decades. Mr. Davis was certainly one of a kind and will be missed fondly.

Tommy Bryden - February 10, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gerald Davis.



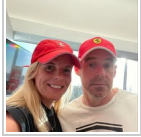
February 02, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Gerald Davis.



January 31, 2023 at 11:52 PM



“ Roxie, Amy, Robyn, Camryn and Caroline- thinking of you during this difficult time. Sending you prayers, hugs and love.

Aaron, Niki, And Ella and Abby

Niki Anderson - January 31, 2023 at 11:48 PM

CB

“ Jerry was a good man and a funny one at that...Whenever I visited Jerry and Roxie he has so many stories to tell..He was also an avid hunter and he proudly always showed me around the farm I'm Roxie's half brother but Jerry never treated like I was one

Charles Blackwell

Charles Blackwell - January 31, 2023 at 01:29 AM

SM

“ Roxie, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. Praying for you and your family.

Sheila Martin - January 30, 2023 at 10:40 PM

JF

“ Roxie, I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.

Julie Fiehler - January 30, 2023 at 07:30 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald Davis.



January 30, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ *It was my pleasure to meet Jerry last year for the first time. What a storyteller and historian he was! His passion for his artifact collection kept me spellbound for an entire afternoon. The area has lost a true custodian of the treasures of Mother Earth.*

Diane Chisholm - January 30, 2023 at 04:10 PM