



## Gerald L Jones

September 1, 1942 - April 26, 2023

Gerald L. Jones was born September 1, 1942, to Bernie and Christine Jones of Caruthersville, Missouri. He died peacefully in his sleep at home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, April 26, 2023.

Gerald was married to the love of his life Joan Chapman Jones, July 15, 1978, who preceded him in death in 2017.

He graduated from Caruthersville High School in 1960, attended Memphis State University (University of Memphis), and lived a majority of his adulthood in Memphis and the surrounding areas. He relocated to Missouri in 1988 and ultimately Cape Girardeau in 1998.

His early career was focused on real estate development with the housing authority in Caruthersville being his first stop. Here he was one of the founders of Tri-County Human Development in 1972, which he would return to 20 years later, purchase and transform into Pyramid Group of home care companies, which he grew to include coverage throughout Missouri. During this time, he was actively involved in the Cape community through Downtown Merchants Association, Old Town Cape, Southeast Missouri State University donor and booster, past president of Cape Girardeau Country Club and outreach activities through his church. In 2002, he retired with Joan and they traveled, spent many hours on the lake in Kentucky, and shared good times with family. He later returned back to the working world for a brief time with Community Counseling Center assisting with their property acquisition. Gerald was known for his big heart who would help anyone in need when he could.

He never said no to any employee, friend, family or stranger who needed his help. Up until the time of his death, he continued with his Volunteer activities as Saint Francis Medical Center, where he went to work everyday he could, with his daughter.

He loved his church family at Christ Episcopal Church in Cape Girardeau where he served on the vestry and as Senior Warden and was actively involved until his death.

Gerald was an avid Cardinal fan, loved Alabama football, and could be heard throughout the neighborhood "cheering on" his favorite teams.

Gerald was predeceased by his parents and spouse, Joan, brother and sister-in-law Harold and Mary Jones, son and daughter-in-law Drew and Kerri Jones, granddaughter Haley Karnes.

He is survived by one daughter, Claire (Mark) Kneer of Cape Girardeau, one son, Peyton (Bebe) Powell of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama, step-son James Powell, grandchildren Nicholas and Nathan Karnes of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Riley Jones of Columbia, Missouri and Garrett Jones of Springfield, Missouri, Chapman (Amber) Powell of Wetumpka, Alabama, brother - in - law Teddy (Joyce) Burnett of Kennett, Missouri, first wife Caroline (George) Thomson of McKinney, Texas and many, many friends.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 4 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm at Ford and Sons on Mount Auburn. Funeral will be Friday, May 5 at 1:00pm at Christ Episcopal Church, Cape Girardeau.

The family asks for donations to be made to Christ Episcopal Church, Saint Francis Medical Center Foundation (Auxillary or 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

## Visitation

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Christ Episcopal Church  
101 N. Fountain  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

HT

“ *Holli Thompson purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gerald L Jones.* ”



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**Holli Thompson** - May 04, 2023 at 11:55 AM

CP

“ *To one of the most wonderful southern gentleman I've ever know. Rest easy Poppy* ”

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**Cyndi Payne** - May 03, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald L Jones.* ”



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May 03, 2023 at 01:11 PM

CB

“ *Claire and Peyton - My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Gerald was one of the sweetest people I have ever met. I'm so thankful I had the opportunity to know him and Joan.* ”

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**Christy Bollinger** - May 01, 2023 at 05:51 PM

JO

“ Gerald was a sweet kind man. We were neighbors with he and Joan. We became friends from that time forward. May the family feel Gods loving arms at this time Jackie Otto

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**Jackie Otto** - April 29, 2023 at 02:31 PM

JG

*Gerald was the best! I have never heard an unkind word about Gerald. A real gentleman. I have not seen Gerald for quite some time because of the pandemic etc. Joan and Gerald were close neighbors to Herb and me; we had many good times. Joan was always the life of the party and was Gerald's Queen. I'm sure Gerald missed Joan terribly every day.*

*My condolences to Gerald's family; so sad for you.  
Judy Bullock Graetz*

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**Judy Graetz** - April 29, 2023 at 05:24 PM