



## Hal Burton Lehman Jr.

February 1, 1948 - November 10, 2017

Hal "Burt" Lehman Jr., 69, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Friday, November 10, 2017 at his residence.

He was born February 1, 1948 in Cape Girardeau to Hal Burton Sr. and Norma Elisabeth Penn Lehman.

He and Ruby R. Holt were married April 10, 1999 at Cape Girardeau.

He graduated from Cape Central High School in 1966 and attended Southeast Missouri State University.

He served in the Army in the Vietnam War from 1969 - 1970 with the 3rd Squadron of the 4th United States Cavalry (Mackenzies Raiders). He received Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert (Rifle), and Army Commendation Medal.

He worked for SEMO University in Central Receiving - (Bulk Mail Department).

He was very active in American Legion Post #63, member of V.F.W. Post 38, D.A.V., and S.A.L.

He was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby R. Lehman of Cape Girardeau; one son, Brent J. (Cara) Griffith of Catawissa, Missouri; three sisters, Jeanie (Richard) Allgood, Peggy Barringer, Lisa (Chuck) Huey all of Cape Girardeau; and one granddaughter, Sydney Griffith.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 1:00 pm at the funeral home with the Rev. David Conley and Rev. Dr. Barry Winders officiating. American Legion Post Honor Service to following the funeral service at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau, with full military honors by American Legion Post #63 and Missouri Honors Team.

Memorial contributions may be given to Southeast Hospice, American Legion Post #63, or Centenary United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home 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/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *Benny & Genetha Johnson lit a candle in memory of Hal Burton Lehman Jr.*



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**Benny & Genetha Johnson** - November 16, 2017 at 03:50 PM

JP

“ *Very sad to hear Burt passed. Condolences to those he left behind. I knew Burt from racing RC cars. He was a great guy on and off the track. Always willing to help a fellow racer and pitch in a do the work required to prep the track or marshall a corner. I wish I would have kept in contact with him after I stopped racing. He will be missed.*

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**Jason Pobst** - November 14, 2017 at 12:13 PM

DS

“ *Burt and I served together in Vietnam. We have been good friends for almost 50 years. He has visited me at my lake home in MN and my wife and I have visited him in Cape several times. We were in the Cavalry together and both in the third platoon. We saw alot of bad times in 1969-1970. Burt was part of the invasion of Cambodia in 1970 and we lost good friends there. We were both lucky to make it back to the world. I will miss him. My condolences to Ruby and his family.*

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**Daryl "Sonny" Severs** - November 13, 2017 at 08:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hal Burton Lehman Jr..*



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November 13, 2017 at 11:01 AM



“ *Burt you were always a great guy. Thanks for always Being nice to me when you were a neighbor to the Russell's.*

*Thank you for your service to our Country. You will be missed by many and the University we attended.*

*Respectfully, Rob Hemperley*

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**Rob Hemperley** - November 12, 2017 at 09:52 PM



“ *I am so saddened to hear of Burt's passing. I always liked him and looked up to him. What a brave man. R.I.P. and thank you for your service my friend.*



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**Susie Pickett O'Connell** - November 12, 2017 at 05:53 PM

JK

“ So sorry for your families loss of such a sweet man. I grew up around this family and Lisa and I are like sisters. Loved Burt like a brother. May God be with you all! Julie Kamp



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**Julie Kamp** - November 12, 2017 at 11:17 AM

ME

“ To a good man who I respected a lot. A true patriot who gave so much so I could have the freedoms I have today. I considered him a true friend Rest In Peace my friend. Melvin Ely

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**Melvin Ely** - November 11, 2017 at 04:22 PM

SF

“ Burt will be very much missed by First Pentecostal Church of Cape Girardeau. He was so kind to lead the honor guard and post the colors for many of our annual Veterans Honor Services. We missed him this year and I am sure we will miss his professional manner courtesy and his respect for God and love of country in all future years. Our hearts are broken at this loss today. from: Pastor Darrell & Sheila Faire and the entire FPC congregation

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**Sheila Faire** - November 11, 2017 at 03:30 PM

TC

“ God Speed my dear friend and warrior. To me you were the heart and soul of American Legion Post 63. You set the highest standards in leadership and in getting everything that needed to be accomplished- done- and always done the right way. This is your legacy and example for me and everyone else wearing the uniform. To say you are going to be missed is a massive understatement. The next color guard I do with you will be in Heaven.....with deepest love and appreciation and the privilege for having been your friend in this life and forever- LTC Terry Crass USAR (ret).

**Terry Crass** - November 11, 2017 at 10:15 AM

JH

Jeanie, Peggy, Lisa and families, I am so sorry to hear about your brother 's passing. I always heard good things about him. Deepest Sympathy. Praying that God will bless you with His loving comfort to see you through this difficult time.  
Jeffry Lynne Hawk

**Jeffry Lynne Hawk** - November 11, 2017 at 11:19 AM

JM

My sincerest sympathy to you all. Burt was one of the best of the CHS Class of '66, plus long before on Thilenius Street.

**Jane Rudert McMahan** - November 11, 2017 at 02:35 PM

RW

Dear Jeanie, Lisa, and Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. May your Christian faith comfort you.  
Rita Heimbaugh Weber  
(Girl Scout friend)

**Rita A. Weber** - November 11, 2017 at 07:03 PM

DM

My condolences to the family he will be missed

**Danny Mason** - November 11, 2017 at 07:59 PM

MS

*There are some people in your life that come and go. Burt is one of these that has been in my life for a long time. We started in jr high school. We were in Vietnam at the same time. We had a hard time when we got home but we worked through it. To visit Burt in his last days was a treat for me. His belief in God was awesome. He will be missed. To give him a military send off will be the best way for this country to honor one of its greatest veterans.*

*Michael Stovall*

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**michael stovall** - November 11, 2017 at 09:28 PM

SB

*Thinking of Burt and his friends and loved ones. May the peace that passes understanding comfort you during this difficult time. Burt will surely be missed. Sharon Trotter Bailey*

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**sharon bailey** - November 12, 2017 at 12:26 AM

  
Karen  
Grayson

*What a shock to see Burt's picture in the obits!! I've known Burt most of my life because he hung around my oldest brother, Bobby Taylor, back in high school. I lost touch with him until the Vietnam Veteran's Wall memorial came to Cape back in 1989. We reconnected then while the wall was here. My sister, Jeanne, her husband, Jimmy Kelpé & my vietnamese niece, Mindy, joined the Vietnam Vet's that went to Washington, D,C, that Veteran's Day!! What a wild & busy weekend that was for us! We crammed a lot into our time there. I even talked them into going to the zoo there because I wanted to see the pandas. We rode 3 different trams, got lost, walked about 10 blocks and finally made it to the zoo. We went in and saw the pandas which were not far from the front gate. They told me to hurry up, take my pics because we had to go!! That's exactly what we did!! lol I didn't mind since they went with me. We then walked the 10 blocks back, caught the trams and walked across the bridge that went over the Potomac River. It was gorgeous! It was a very somber day with the different ceremonies that we attended. It was an amazing trip, we met some great Vietnam Veterans and had a good time considering why we were there!! Burt was always such a sweet & friendly guy and he'll be sadly missed!! I'm so sorry Ruby that he's gone but never forgotten. Prayers for you and all his family & friends!! RIP Burt!! Say hello to all my family up there!! Fly high Burt!!*

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**Karen Grayson** - November 15, 2017 at 05:31 AM

BG

*Our thoughts and prayers are with The Lehman Family,, we have know  
Burt for over 40 years.. he will be missed  
God's Blessings To All  
Benny & Genetha Johnson*

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**Benny & Genetha** - November 16, 2017 at 03:53 PM