



## Harlan D. Smothers

September 22, 1950 - August 29, 2025

Harlan D. Smothers, 74, of Gordonville passed away on August 29, 2025 surrounded by loved ones.

Harlan was born on September 22, 1950 in Cape Girardeau to Aaron and Freeda Fulkerson Smothers.

Harlan and Doris Smith were married May 31, 1975 in Cape Girardeau.

Harlan lived a life collecting. He was well known for his love for Antiques. Harlan will be remembered for the love he had for others and being a faithful servant to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Harlan served in the National Guard for six years.

Harlan is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Doris, and three children, Sarah (Bernie) Golinski, from Jackson, Caleb (Kelli) Smothers, from Jackson and Bethany (Scot) Kluesner, from New Hamburg. He and Doris had 11 grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters-in-law and four brothers-in-law.

Harlan was preceded in death by his parents, Aaron and Freeda Smothers, and his sister, Tonya Ross.

There will be a visitation Thursday, September 4, 2025 from 4 to 8 pm at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home.

A service to honor Harlan's life will be held on Friday, September 5, 2025 at 11 am at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with the Pastors Steve Sanders and Jerry Stevens officiating. Friends and family are welcome to attend and have church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St.Jude Children's Research Hospital in Harlan Smothers honor.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Cemetery

Co. Rd. 307  
Advance, MO 63730

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Our condolences to Bethany and family. May God's peace and comfort surround you and your family. You are very special to us.  
Sincerely, Karen Schlosser & Rachael Lawson

Rachael Lawson and Karen Schlosser - September 07, 2025 at 07:31 AM

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Many fond memories of Halen and family at the many tag sales I attended.  
May God Bless the family 🙏❤️

Lu Ann Abner 32842 Cty Rd 337 - September 20, 2025 at 04:16 PM

MW

“ Sarah and Bernie so sorry for the loss of your father. May your memories of your father bring you comfort and peace. Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.  
Morris and Marilyn Welsh

Marilyn and Morris Welsh - September 04, 2025 at 05:36 PM

DF

“ I went to kindergarten and all the way through high school with Harlan. He was always a really nice guy. As an adult I have enjoyed seeing him and visiting with him at sales. He was quite a collector. My sympathies to your family at the loss of a great man. May you feel the love and peace of our Heavenly Father during this time of sadness.  
Daphna Fiehler.

Daphna fiehler - September 03, 2025 at 09:05 PM

BR

“ We are sending our sympathy to the entire family. We've known Harlan for many years from many auctions and his shops. He was a good man and he absolutely knew his antiques. Love and prayers to all.

*Bill and Patti Ricketts*

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**Bill and Patti Ricketts** - September 03, 2025 at 06:21 PM

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“ USW DISTRICT 11 LOCAL 164 purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Harlan D. Smothers.



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**USW DISTRICT 11 LOCAL 164** - September 03, 2025 at 04:48 PM

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“ USW DISTRICT 11 LOCAL 164 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harlan D. Smothers.

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**USW DISTRICT 11 LOCAL 164** - September 03, 2025 at 04:48 PM

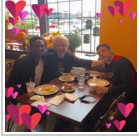


“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harlan D. Smothers.



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September 03, 2025 at 01:01 PM



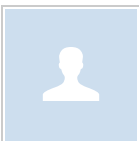
“ I want to send a special memory to the family of Harlan for the kindness he showed to me personally and in my professional role! He was willing to drive some extra miles to respect the wishes of friends along the way! Perfect peace, my friend! Go rest high on that mountain!

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**Jane Stacy** - September 03, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ He was a wonderful man and knew his antiques--he amazed me in his knowledge -Much love to his family

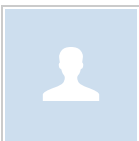
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**lyvonda kirkeiner** - September 03, 2025 at 01:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Harlan D. Smothers.



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September 02, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Harlan D. Smothers.



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September 02, 2025 at 10:26 AM

JM

“ Harlan you were always such a nice person and a good friend. You will be missed.

Judy Meyer - September 02, 2025 at 08:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harlan D. Smothers.

September 02, 2025 at 07:00 AM

KN

“ Sarah and Bernie, Please know that even though I never met your father, there is no doubt in my mind that he was a wonderful man. So sorry for your great loss. Please know that I am available if you need anything. Prayers for your father and all the family. God bless.

Karla Huck, neighbor - September 01, 2025 at 07:15 PM

MB

“ Mike, Sharon, Larry, Laura, Chase, Bryan purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Harlan D. Smothers.



Mike, Sharon, Larry, Laura, Chase, Bryan - September 01, 2025 at 09:44 AM

MB

“ Mike, Sharon, Larry, Laura, Chase, Bryan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harlan D. Smothers.

Mike, Sharon, Larry, Laura, Chase, Bryan - September 01, 2025 at 09:44 AM

GG

“ A favorite memory..

*On 6-30-25 - our family stopped in to see Harlan & Doris. After a time of visiting, Harlan played the piano (later also the organ) and together we sang some of his favorite old time gospel heaven songs. I m sure that even now he is singing praises to his Lord and Savior!*

*Gabe & Gwen*



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**Gabe Gingerich** - August 31, 2025 at 06:16 PM