



## Harry Rust

December 27, 1933 - November 14, 2018

Harry Rust, 84, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at Chateau Girardeau Health Center.

He was born December 27, 1933 in Cape Girardeau to Wayne and Eva Palmer Rust.

He and Barbara Rose were married August 8, 1954 at Centenary United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau.

He graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with a B.S. in business administration and received a certificate from the New York School of Interior Design.

He owned and operated Rust & Martin Inc. Under his leadership, Rust & Martin expanded into Paducah, Kentucky and Columbia, Missouri. He decorated numerous private residences, offices, restaurants and banks in Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Colorado and Florida.

He was a former chairman of the board and board of directors of the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce, where he also served on the building committee. He was a member of Lion's Club in Cape Girardeau; Board member, board of directors and executive board of the National Home

Furnishings Association; Professional member of American Society of Interior Designers; Professional member and national board of directors of Interior Design Society; and board member of Amerifirst Bank. He received many national awards, such as Pacesetting Award, "Chicago Market Dailey" in 1965-1966 and Pacesetter Store, "House Beautiful" in 1987.

He was a lifelong member of Centenary United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Rust of Cape Girardeau; three sons, Stephen (Deshay) Rust, David Rust and Mike Rust; two brothers, Gary (Wendy) Rust of Cape Girardeau and Jim (Beverly) Rust of Cape Girardeau; three grandchildren, Ashley Rust, Tanner (Shannon) Rust and Bailey (Eric) Lundstrom; and two great-grandchildren, Dakota and Ezra.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 am Monday, November 19, 2018 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Dave Conley and Rev. Dr. Barry Winders officiating.

Private burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to 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 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

NOV 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We remember our Mediterranean cruise when we met some 40 years ago. Still regret that we never met you again otherthantruemails.  
*Dr and mrs Lewis Biben*

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**lewisbiben md** - January 20, 2019 at 02:11 PM

KA

“ *Harry was one great businessman n decorator! Followed in his parent's tradition and expanded their wonderful business! So sorry to learn of his passing but he contributed much to the community and his family! A life very well lived! Our condolences to all the Rust family!*  
*Kay Margraf Ancell and Clay Ancell*

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**Kay Margraf Ancell** - November 18, 2018 at 05:09 PM

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“ My heart aches for you, sweet Rust family. Mr. Harry ( as I always called him ) will always hold a special place in my heart! He and Ms. Barbara had a huge impact on my life while working for them at Rust and Martin. They took me on amazing trips to parts of the US this country girl had only dreamed of.

*I will never forget while on the airplane to NYC, Mr. Harry leaned over to tell me he couldn't wait til I saw the hotel we were staying at...it was the KITANO....he told me it was a Japanese hotel rich in tradition. He went on to say that he was looking forward to the 'communal baths'.....and everyone was expected to join in.....omg...I was mortified. He looked so serious....Ms. Barbara finally chimed in to tell me he was just joking! He sure got a laugh out of my response. I will always remember him with a smile.*

*Ms. Barbara, you and your entire family will be in my prayers....but especially you....I love you!*

*Mr. Harry is leaving quite a legacy! My mom used to say...where there is GREAT LOVE....there is GREAT LOSS.*

*Much love,*

*Robyn*

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**Robyn Hosp** - November 17, 2018 at 02:17 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Rust.



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November 16, 2018 at 05:45 PM

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“ *Our Prayers go out to Harry's Entire Family during these trying times.*

*God Bless,*

*Todd, Donna & Lily Ward*

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**TODD A WARD** - November 16, 2018 at 09:35 AM