



## Jack Rasmussen Gosnell

February 26, 1933 - February 5, 2020

Jack Rasmussen Gosnell, 86, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at Southeast Hospital.

He was born February 26, 1933 in Salem, Oregon to Edgar and Lillie Rasmussen Gosnell.

He and Jody McLaughlin were married March 2, 1957 at Springfield, Missouri. She preceded him in death in October 2005.

He served in country in the United States Air Force and was a Korean War Veteran.

He graduated from Urbana, Missouri High School in 1950, received his bachelor's degree at Southwest Missouri State in 1956 and master's at Kansas State College of Pittsburg, Kansas.

He was a math professor at Southeast Missouri State University for 31 years.

He was member of a local investment club, After Math club, SEMO Athletic Booster club, Copperdome Society at SEMO, and past president of Cape Evening Lions Club.

He was a member of First Christian Church for many years.

Survivors include his two daughters, Gail (Wayne) Craft of Perryville, Missouri and Jill (Wes) Pangborn of Madison, Alabama; one son, Guy (Tricia) Gosnell of Charlotte, North Carolina; nine grandchildren, Garrett Gosnell, Rachel Gosnell, Makenzie Gosnell, Madison Gosnell, Taylor (Joshua) Long, Megan Craft, Holly Craft, Audrey Pangborn and Caroline Pangborn; and one great-grandchild, Jack Long.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one sister and brother-in-law, Nadine (Lowell)Beneke.

Visitation will be 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial Service will follow at 2:00 pm Sunday at the funeral home with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis or Teen Challenge International Mid-America.

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

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

FEB 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Dear Guy, Jill, Gayle,

*I am so sorry for the loss of your father. I visited him at the Villas.  
God bless you with His peace.*

*With my deepest sympathy,*

*Darrel Seabaugh.  
573.450.3427*

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**Darrel Seabaugh** - February 10, 2020 at 11:32 AM

HH

“ Dear Gail, Guy and Jill.

*It is hard to give up a parent at any age. Just as your Dad once  
carried you around  
tenderly, safe and secure, so Jesus is holding him lovingly now in  
the circle of His arms.*

*It is our prayer that your faith will bring strength and that the  
wonderful memories that you shared with your Dad will bring  
comfort. We felt so blessed that your Mom and Dad were in our  
Math family. We will never forget them.*

*God's love and ours,  
Harold and Jeanine Hager*

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**Harold Hager** - February 09, 2020 at 02:10 PM

DW

“ We are so sorry about Jack. Dean and I love Jody and Jack. We took some wonderful trips together. They had such a great sense of humor, we had lots of laughs. We feel blessed to have known them and shared so many special memories. We wish we could be there but our traveling days are over. We are thinking of all of you and will keep you in our prayers. Carolyn and Dean Whitesides

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**Dean Whitesides** - February 09, 2020 at 07:14 AM

MS

“ Melissa Sutton purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jack Rasmussen Gosnell.



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**Melissa Sutton** - February 07, 2020 at 12:22 PM

JM

“ Jill, Gail & Guy--What a wonderful family, the Gosnell's! So many great memories of the fun and loving times we shared with you. Please know, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I share your loss as Jack, and Jody, were truly great friends. Joan McPherson

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**Joan McPherson** - February 07, 2020 at 09:44 AM

TR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I went to SEMO when this wonderful man taught there. I had him in a class early on as a student at SEMO and he made things so clear that I could easily understand the material. When I was in later math classes (calculus series) and had trouble, I would stop by Mr. Gosnell's office to get help in those classes even though he was not the professor teaching them because he could make things much easier to follow. I will forever remember his kindness in making time to help me when I needed it. A wonderful man who is an inspiration to us all! Rest in Peace Mr. Gosnell.

Tammy Compas

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Tammy Rehm - February 06, 2020 at 07:52 PM

LK

It's terrible to lose a loved one, but please know that as a SEMO Math Major with a Minor in Physics (Class of 1970), that Mr. Gosnell and Mr. Roth were two Professors that touched many lives and made a great difference to all of us who loved taking their classes. Not only were they professional, but they presented the class material in such a way it was fun to learn.

Their students went on to accomplish their goals and hold jobs they would have never hear about. I am one of those Students that went on to become a USAF B-52 Pilot (Co-pilot) flying in SAC as a Nuclear and Conventional Qualified Crew Member.

Years of sitting Nuclear Alert allowed some spare time to take an Electronics Course to further my goals. All due to Professors like Jack Gosnell. A JOB WELL DONE!

Larry Kraemer Chaffee, MO.

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Larry Kraemer - February 07, 2020 at 10:38 PM

GC

Thank you so much for these kind words. He loved teaching and it is wonderful to hear these kind of stories. God bless.

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Gail Craft - February 08, 2020 at 10:32 AM