



## Jack Oliver Kramer

August 27, 1931 - May 15, 2024

Jack Oliver Kramer was born August 27, 1931 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. His parents were Ivan Oliver Kramer and Lillian Geordean Huckstep.

He died at home on May 15, 2024 in Cape Girardeau.

Survived by his sister Karen Hales, three grandchildren: Karlye, Brad, Ashley and, eight great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his wife Margie Kramer and son Scott Kramer. Jack was blessed to have a very rich life with many friends and acquaintances.

A special thank you to Brett Cardin, RN and the many other nurses and staff with Mercy Hospice, for their excellent care.

From 1941 through 1945 Jack lived with his parents in Ohio, Florida and Tennessee. His father, Ivan, served in the Civil Service during W.W. II and was stationed at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio, Tyndale AFB, Panama City, Florida and Dyersburg Air Force Base near Ripley, Tennessee. His dad was one of the few men blessed with the ability to modify the B-25 bomber used to bomb Toyko at the beginning of WW II.

Mr. Kramer graduated from Central High School in 1949. In April 1950 he

joined the Navy and was an aviation electronics technician assigned to drone units that were just being developed and used for various purposes during the Korean War. During his tenure in the Navy he served two cruises of duty, the first on the heavy cruiser Rochester and the second on the Battleship Missouri where the treaty was signed which ended WW II.

Immediately upon his discharge from the Navy he married Marjory Laura Kumkel of Durand, Michigan. He spent the next ten years in Michigan where he briefly attended Michigan State University and then worked in the insurance industry for 8 years.

In 1960 he returned home to Cape Girardeau with his wife, Margie and their son, Scott. He was employed as a District Manager of the Automobile Club of Missouri for 38 years until his retirement in 1994 having received many awards as a top salesman.

Mr. Kramer was active in community service. He was a member of the Cape Girardeau Board of Education for six years serving for three years as the President from 1970-1972. It was during this time that the State of Missouri adopted the teacher tenure program over which he presided. He also served as a member of the Cape Girardeau Public Library Board and held a seat on the Cape Girardeau Special Road District.

He loved to play golf and played for over 50 years. He had only one hole in one during all those years of play.

Mr. Kramer was a member of the first congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cape Girardeau organized in 1961 serving as the first branch clerk. During the intervening years of his life he served as a Bishop, District President, Patriarch and finally for 23 years as a sealer in the St. Louis Missouri Temple.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 1:00 pm Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau, with full military honors.

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

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn 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

MAY 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

MAY 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Papa Jack or Grandpa Jack, as he came to be known in his later years, is a true friend and mentor. He took every opportunity to teach and share his testimony of Jesus Christ. He and Margie's lives intertwined with ours and we are so blessed to call them our dear friends.*

*Bruce and Brenda Schoen*

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**Brenda Schoen** - May 17, 2024 at 08:32 AM

BB

“ *Blessings be old friend. Hug Marge for me.*



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**Brad Brune** - May 16, 2024 at 05:37 PM

LR

“ *Our family remembers moving to Cape in the 1970's and the wonderful, warm welcome we received by Jack & Marge & their families. We were included and loved as though we were family members. We treasure the wonderful Patriarchial blessings given our children by Ivan & many treasured memories with Jack and Marge through the 21 years we lived there. We miss Jack and his righteous leadership & caring friendship.*

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**Louise Richardson** - May 15, 2024 at 05:53 PM

MS

*Jack has been a dear and faithful friend for almost 50 years. He and Marge have been as faithful as can be found. It's been my privilege to have many assignments that have involved Jack. He has always given himself above and beyond what was required. I love Jack and shall miss him greatly. All best wishes fo his familhy. Menlo Smith*

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**Menlo Smith** - May 16, 2024 at 11:30 AM

ZM

*I have many fond memories of Jack and Marge Kramer. My condolences to the family. My the Lord bless the family during this time of bereavement.*

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**Zoia A Martin** - May 16, 2024 at 01:09 PM