



## James Garner

October 20, 1933 - May 15, 2025

James D. Garner, 91, of Cape Girardeau, passed away peacefully on Thursday May 15, 2025, at the Saxony Lutheran Home after a short battle with cancer.

He was born October 20, 1933, attended May Greene Elementary School and graduated from Cape Central High School in 1951. He completed college at Southeast Missouri State University after serving 2 years in the Army during the Korean War.

Jim and Marilyn Dankel were married December 20, 1953, and were married for 67 years when she preceded him in death on November 25, 2020. He was employed at Missouri Utilities (Ameren) for his entire career until he retired at the age of 55. He and Marilyn enjoyed traveling, reading, and spending time with their children, grandchildren and their many canine companions.

He is survived by 4 children, Marta (Jerry) Buntin of St. Albans, MO, Candice Wilson of Kirkwood, MO, Drew Garner of Jackson, MO, Daughter in Law Tamra Garner of Jackson, MO, and the late Laura Buerke; 5 grandchildren, Steven (Hilary) Garner, Trenton (Amy) Garner, Trevor (Maddy) Garner, Abigail (Zach) O'Keefe, and Nathan Wilson and 6 great grandchildren; Alexis Garner, Sawyer and Palmer Garner, Barrett and Maren O'Keefe and Cooper Garner.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Marilyn, his parents, Eula and Jesse Tow, a daughter, Laura Buerke and 2 sons in law, Jim Mullally and Jay Wilson.

The family will have a private memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to SEMO Pets or Mac's Mission.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.