



Jerry Raymond Beaver

December 13, 1946 - June 19, 2022

Jerry Raymond Beaver, 75, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Sunday, June 19, 2022 at the Lutheran Home.

He was born December 13, 1946 in Oskaloosa, Iowa to Raymond and Dorothy Singmaster Beaver.

Jerry grew up in Sterling, Illinois and graduated from Sterling High School in 1965. He attended college and then enlisted in the United States Navy. He served as a Navy SEAL during the Vietnam War.

Following military service, he came to Cape Girardeau where his family had moved. For more than 40 years, Jerry managed the Pladium (now D'ladiums) Sports Bar on Broadway. There he met thousands of friends, employees, and customers who knew him as "Beav" or "Pard."

He enjoyed being outdoors and had many great times fishing, camping, and floating. He attended the Indianapolis 500 more than 50 times. He enjoyed motorcycle trips, including many trips to Daytona Bike Week.

Beav was a proud supporter of Southeast Missouri State University Athletics, especially the Baseball team. Some of his favorite afternoons were on the first base parking lot in Capaha Park.

A loyal friend to so many, he was also the best brother and proud uncle.

Survivors include two sisters, Diane (Bob) Johnson of Mission Hills, Kansas, and Susan (Fred) Younghouse of Cape Girardeau; two step brothers, Tom Waltz of Kirkwood, Missouri, and J. Fred Waltz of Cape Girardeau; three nephews, Jonathan Younghouse of San Antonio, Texas, Michael (Molly) Johnson of Mission Hills, Kansas, and Matthew Younghouse of Cape Girardeau; two nieces, Jennifer Johnson (fiancé Mark Allen) of Mission Hills, Kansas and Emily (Justin) Thornton of Overland Park, Kansas; and four great-nephews, Teddy, Bobby, and Henry Johnson, and Tucker Thornton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather, Frank Waltz.

Visitation will be 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Friday, June 24, 2022 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

A private memorial service with full military honors will be held Friday at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau with Rev. Loren Boettcher officiating.

Inurnment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to Avenue of Flags VFW Post, 3838 1049 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 or SEMO Baseball, 1 University Plaza, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Online condolences may be made at 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

JUN **24**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Always a great guy to see, no matter how long it had been!

Ralph Murphy - June 25, 2022 at 05:02 PM

DL

“ What a kind man! Always addressed me w a soft smile and a welcome. The Pladium was Beav's place - and always will be - no matter what they name it.

Beaver let me in bcs I was w the 'cool' crowd - and under age. I knew that he knew I was under age, but he treated me w that soft grin and nod on every visit. For years to come! He never hassled me. I never took advantage of him - I always respected his position. During the 40 years I've lived away from Cape, when I returned to visit, one must go to the Pladium and see Beav!

Always there - same soft grin and nod - same heart of gold!

Thank you Mr Beaver for serving your country - and thank you for being so kind to all / me all these years! We need your legacy to live on!

Thanks for the nod' and grin Beaver! RIP 🌹

Denise Lavender - June 25, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ Here in Sterling, some of the Beavers friends remember him as “Reverend J.R. Beaver. Many stories about that! We grew up living 1 block apart for many years through high school graduation. In our younger years we formed a club, The Junior Woodchucks. Now only three of us are left. Times spent together at “The Barn”, Devil’s Lake, and of course Sinnissippi Park and the Rock River. So many great memories.

Diane, Susan and families you have my deepest sympathies. I am so glad to have known him. We’ll meet again someday.

Loren Swartley

Loren Swartley - June 23, 2022 at 05:58 PM

LO

No doubt the "Woodchuck" with the most stories behind his name! As a sister of one of the group, I remember him as always having a good time and always ready to help out his friends.

I am sure he was welcomed with open arms and the stories haven't stopped yet. Rest well, Beaver.

I join Loren and all of your Sterling friends in sending sympathies to you and Susan, Diane.

Linda Olds-Steinert

linda olds-steinert - July 07, 2022 at 12:01 PM

MI

“ The Minor family will truly miss you ,a true icon ,the times in Indy and in Daytona one of the beginning founder in SEMO Hog ..

Ride on PARD you will be missed.

Sonny an Barb

minor - June 23, 2022 at 08:25 AM

EP

“ *Well said, Steve Meyer, my friend.*

Ellen Neihart Parker

CHS '71

Ellen Neihart Parker - June 22, 2022 at 10:13 AM

SA

“ *1 file added to the album Jerry Beaver The way we should remember him*



Shaun Alsdorf - June 22, 2022 at 09:12 AM

SM

“ It didn't matter how long it had been since he'd seen you last, you'd walk in, shake his hand at the front door, and he'd call you by name and start to talk about the good old days. He was the best I've ever seen at putting names with faces! I last saw him on February 26th after a SEMO basketball game and he says to me, "Mr. Meyer, how in hell have you been?" When I responded, "Horrible Beav, but I'm sure it 'll get worse," Jerry replies, "Boy, I know the feeling; being old sure ain't for sissies!"

I can imagine him, just on the inside of the pearly gates sitting in his barber shop chair, making sure to welcome all of the recently deceased people into heaven! And I couldn't think of a better man for the job!

RIP, old friend; Cape has lost a legend that can't be replaced 🥹

*Steve Meyer
CHS '71
SEMO '75*

Steve Meyer - June 22, 2022 at 12:15 AM

SO

Amen, Steve!

Susie O'Connell - June 22, 2022 at 02:37 PM

CH

Very well said. Great loss to all of his family and many, many friends.

Charles Harrison - June 25, 2022 at 07:34 PM

ZT

“ *Such a great man. Always had a story for everyone. Everybody who ever passed through Cape knew who Beavs was, and we'll all continue to remember him for years to come. Rest In Peace, Pard*

Zach Tate - June 21, 2022 at 09:54 PM

DB

“ *I learned of Beav during my playing days... HE was the Palladium... a "must see" when I would come back and visit Cape.*

RIP Beav!

Biles

dave beile - June 21, 2022 at 03:10 PM

TD

“ *Beaver was always there. It felt good to go to a place that he made so welcoming just by being there. Rest easy, sir.*

Tammy Deimund - June 21, 2022 at 12:48 AM

BT

“ *I thought so much of Beav, all these years you just went to see him ! A great friend and a great guy ! Many will miss him !*

Bruce Thomas - June 20, 2022 at 09:48 PM

SO

“ Dear Susan, Diane and family,

I am so sad and sorry to hear of "Beav's" passing. The world has lost a good man. The D'ladium will never be the same. We have lost so many of our good 'ole boys. Jerry was loved by so many. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.



Susie O'Connell - June 20, 2022 at 06:36 PM

SM

Susie, what year did you graduate from CHS? I remember you drinking beer and thought you were cute!

Steve Meyer - June 26, 2022 at 11:03 PM

BF

“ *I saw a T-shirt a few years ago that said “The Man, The Myth, The Legend”. First thing that came to mind was the Beav. He was one of a kind! Who would ever think that Pard would have such a positive impact on so MANY! My prayers to his family and so many friends. Bob Fox.*

Bob Fox - June 20, 2022 at 05:01 PM

TN

*Going to miss Jerry.
Always great being around him. Met him in 1978 at the Pladium when someone told me he had a set of truck tires for sale. Always jovial with that deep chuckle.
His presence at Capaha Park for baseball games was like clock work. He had many fun times and I will think of him often.
Our condolences to the family for sure.
Tom and Tammy Neal*

Tom and Tammy Neal - June 20, 2022 at 05:25 PM



Going to miss you Beav.

You always made me feel welcomed at the Pladium and even my football days, coming down for Homecoming, I made it a point to visit "The Beav". My condolences to the family 🙏

Kenny Williams

Kenny Williams - June 21, 2022 at 08:40 AM