



Jerry Lee Priest

January 6, 1932 - August 14, 2019

Jerry L. Priest was born January 6th, 1932 the 2nd of five children to Charles (Tuck) and Erna Priest of Cape Girardeau. He attended St. Vincent grade school and graduated Central High School in 1950. He was a member of the United States Air Force for four years serving in both the U.S. and the Philippine Islands as a Senior Communications Specialist. After his honorary discharge he attended Southeast Missouri State University and was a member and President of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science, emphasis in Marketing

In 1959, he opened the Pladium, a legendary local pool hall and bar. He was owner and operator until his retirement in January 1994. He, himself, was accomplished in the field of pocket billiard's, winning three major National Championships in the Senior Division in 1987, 1989 and 1990. In 1980, he was named the Billiard's Proprietor of the year by Sporting News.

He was a member of St. Vincent De Paul parish, the VFW, the Elks, and the Billiard's Congress of American. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed fishing with family and friends at area lakes and charter fishing in the gulf.

He is survived by his brother Charles (Don) Priest of Cape Girardeau and Mary L. Helbig of St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents, a brother Jack L. Priest of St. Louis, and a sister Jo Ellen Priest of Cape Girardeau.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Saturday August 24th, 2019 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home Mt. Auburn Chapel.

The service will follow at 12pm on Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Michael Casteel officiating.

Burial to follow at Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the VFW.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Russell Heights Cemetery

Jackson, MO 63755

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 24. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

AUG 24. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SO

“ *Don and family,*

I am so sad about Jerry's passing. I will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Susie Pickett O'Connell - August 24, 2019 at 04:32 PM

LA

“ *All around good guy, king fish or big dog, received some graduate work from Jerry and Tuck. He will be missed. Called me senator and had a nickname for about every one..Jake Ashcraft*

Lyman Ashcraft - August 21, 2019 at 06:30 PM

SL

“ *God Bless you Frater Priest, you were always there to help us and be a friend. Rest in peace, you will never be forgotten. YITB Lomax*

steve lomax - August 21, 2019 at 12:39 PM

CH

“ *My condolences to Jerry's family I have known him since I was just a child and he was a really wonderful human in all ways.*
Charlie Hill

Charles Hill - August 21, 2019 at 10:01 AM

MS

“ *jerry, Aka Big Dog. You are 1 in a billion and a true friend and mentor. you will be missed! thank you for your friendship. mack Sarff*

mack sarff - August 20, 2019 at 08:47 PM

MT

“ *Rest easy, Jerry. You were one of the best mentors I've ever had in my life. I am saddened and will never forget the impact you had on me. I hope your up there playing 9-ball! Love you always! Maggie*

Maggie Mullen Taylor - August 17, 2019 at 02:51 PM

WB

“ *Blessings Be, Big Dog. Say Hi to everyone for us.*
Brad Brune

william Brune - August 17, 2019 at 10:26 AM