



## Jerry Schwab

November 10, 1941 - February 20, 2023

Jerry R. Schwab, age 81, went to be with his Lord and Savior on February 20, 2023 in hospice at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau.

He was born November 10, 1941 in St. Louis, Missouri to Alvin John and Della Lange Schwab.

He was the youngest of three children and baptized into the family of faith December 7, 1941. At the age of 3, his family moved to Jackson, Missouri where he attended St. Paul Lutheran School through the 7th grade. His family then moved to Cape Girardeau where he attended Trinity Lutheran School. He later graduated from College High School in 1959 where he made many lifelong friends.

On September 2, 1967, Jerry married the former Phyllis Knight at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. She survives along with their son, Dr. Jeffrey (Katie) Schwab of Marietta, Georgia and daughter, Kelly (Scott) Drew of Waco, Texas.

He is also survived by a sister, Dorothy PenseL and sisters-in-law, Laverne Schwab of Jackson and Marian Clymer of Cape Girardeau along with many nieces and nephews. He was the proud Papa of six grandchildren who loved him dearly: Ansley, Bennett, and Emmy Schwab of Marietta and Mackenzie,

Peyton, and Brody Drew of Waco.

In 1975, after 10 years as a salesman at Sears, he pursued his dream of owning and operating his own business when he and Richard Shockley created Service Four, Inc. This corporation owned several car washes and service stations. Additionally, in 1980, they created Capetown RV Sales. In 1988, Jerry and Phyllis started Service Four Equipment, Inc. and Jerry became one of Magic Wand's leading national car wash equipment distributors serving a five state area. They also owned Quality Car Washes. Known for his honesty, hard work ethic and integrity; he was blessed with over 40 years as a successful business owner.

In 1997, he was nominated for Missouri Small Business Administration's Person of the Year. He was active in the Missouri Recreational Vehicle Dealers Association, serving as Vice-President and President. As a business owner, Jerry especially loved serving his customers and many of them became endearing friends over the years.

He enjoyed serving his community. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce for over 50 years and served on their Board of Directors. He served on the City of Cape Girardeau Board of Adjustment, Advisory Board for Banterra Bank, the Young Life Committee, was a member of the Noon Optimist Club and volunteered with Boy Scouts of America.

Sharing his faith was of utmost importance to him and he was an active member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church. He served on St. Andrew's Board of Directors, Board of Elders and on the Fellowship Board. He also served as an usher, greeter, a member of the Longterm Care Ministry and Adult Bible Class. He later became a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Jerry was a friend to many and was always eager to help others. He spent

many mornings at Wimpy's and then later Pancake House for coffee with friends. He was a longtime Southeast Missouri University basketball booster and avid Baylor University basketball supporter. He and Phyllis enjoyed many years of traveling to Baylor basketball games and their grandchildren's activities. In their retirement, they made many special memories traveling in their RV and road trips with their "Cape Car Club."

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Leon Schwab; brothers-in-law, Carl Pensel, Lester Knight, Frank (Carol) Knight and Curtis Clymer.

A special thanks to the Lutheran Home Hospice unit and caregiver Kim for their compassionate care these past weeks.

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 28, 2023 from 9-11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Following the visitation, a Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. with Rev. Paul Short and Rev. Doug Breite officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Home Hospice or Saxony Lutheran High School.

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

FEB 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
100 N. Frederick  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
100 N. Frederick  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Schwab.*



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February 28, 2023 at 12:02 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies for your loss. Keeping your family in our prayers. Anna and Dorothy Glaus*

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**angie deprow** - February 27, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to Phyllis, Kelly and her family and Jeff and his family. Jerry was always so kind and friendly to us over the years. Our prayer is that the God of all comforts will bless Jerry's loving family at his passing. Judge & JoAnn Ulrich*

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**Joann Ulrich** - February 27, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Lindsey & Aaron purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry Schwab.*



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**Lindsey & Aaron** - February 27, 2023 at 10:37 AM

DB

“ Prayers and sympathy for the family. I worked for Jerry and Phyllis for 19 years in the car wash equipment company. Jerry and I spent a lot of time traveling together, he was both a mentor and a friend. I cherish those memories.

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**Dave Bogenpohl** - February 27, 2023 at 09:29 AM

BM

“ Sending love and continuing to pray for you all. Love, Jill and Brad McElya

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**Brad and Jill McElya** - February 26, 2023 at 01:57 PM

JG

“ John & Amanda Bullard; Roswell, GA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jerry Schwab.



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**John & Amanda Bullard; Roswell, GA** - February 24, 2023 at 10:43 PM

JC

“ Phyllis, Our heart felt sympathy and our prayers go out to you and your family. Jerry was a great man and great boss with plenty of patience when it came to me. I know you've been told this a 1000 times but I mean it, if there is anything you need done you let me know. Again so sorry. With Love James Carver

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**James Carver** - February 24, 2023 at 07:14 PM

JS

“ James Carver & Tonia Sissom purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Jerry Schwab.



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**James Carver & Tonia Sissom** - February 24, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Schwab.



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February 24, 2023 at 07:43 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry Schwab.



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February 23, 2023 at 02:39 PM

JK

“ Phyllis and Jerry are our best friends and we go back to when our kids were little. We have so many memories over the years that we treasure ! Our more recent adventures were with the Cape Convertible Club. We took many trips together, many @ Branson. May God bless Phyllis, Jeff, Kelly and all of their children. All of us will miss Jerry!

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**Jeanne Kelpo** - February 23, 2023 at 11:27 AM

JE

“ *Phyllis I am so sorry to hear about this. I pray for you and your family in this time of mourning. I will always treasure Jerry and yourself as friends and wish you all the comfort for you and your family.*

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**Jeremy** - February 23, 2023 at 11:14 AM

BC

“ *Phyllis and Family, The Clarks are so saddened to learn of the loss of your precious husband, father and grandfather. Jerry was such an inspiration to all who knew him and so kind with a big smile every time we met! It's a comfort to know that we will all be together with our Lord and Savior in the near future and Jerry has beat us there*  
♥ *Our Love and prayers, Bob & Jane Clark and family*

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**Bob & Jane Clark** - February 23, 2023 at 10:47 AM

JE

“ *Phyllis, we were so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing 🙏 He was the nicest man, I remember working with him at sears for many years, and he was loved by everyone who knew him. You and your family are in our prayers 🙏❤️*

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**janet enke** - February 23, 2023 at 10:43 AM

TL

“ *The LYLAS purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jerry Schwab.*



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**The LYLAS** - February 23, 2023 at 09:07 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry Schwab.*



February 22, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Schwab.*



February 22, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ *My condolences to the Schwab family, I worked for Jerry and Phyliss for 25 years. I will always Remember how kind and giving Jerry was to myself and my family. I hope he rests in peace knowing he has made the world a better place while he was here. Don, Laurie, Brad, and Josh Hill.*

**Don Hill** - February 22, 2023 at 12:40 PM



*Rest In Peace my dear classmate. We had some good times didn't we? Dragging Broadway and having more fun than we probably deserved 😊😊😊.*

**KAY Gilliland** - February 22, 2023 at 06:14 PM



*So sorry Phyllis I am in Mississippi but praying for you he will be missed he was a good school friend!!*

**Pauline Niswonger** - February 23, 2023 at 03:56 AM

ME

“ Jerry and Phyllis were like my second mom and dad. I will always treasure the times our families spent together. May God be with Phyllis, Kelly, and Jeff as well as all of their families. We love you all so much! -Mindy (Kelp) Eubanks

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**Mindy Eubanks** - February 22, 2023 at 08:28 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry Schwab.



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February 21, 2023 at 11:33 PM