



## Jerry Don Wolsey

October 9, 1951 - September 17, 2015

Jerry Don Wolsey, 63, of Chaffee died Thursday September 17, 2015 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau. He was born October 9th, 1951, in Kennett, Missouri to Joseph and Demova Wolsey. He and Debra Wolsey were married August 2nd, 1975.

Jerry was a devoted law enforcement officer. He had previously worked for Scott County Sheriff's Department, Perry County Sheriff's Department, Sikeston Department of Public Safety, Dexter Police Department, and was a former Chief of Police for the City of Chaffee. After his law enforcement career he worked in the private investigative and private security industry. He owned and operated Wolsey Investigative Services. He was a Branch Manager for Security Services of America and he worked as an investigator for the Missouri Department of Labor. Jerry's distinguished career in law enforcement, private investigations, and private security will never be forgotten. He was a devoted Family man and friend to many people. He loved the City of Chaffee where he served many terms on the City Council and Police Board. He was a proud supporter of Chaffee Red Devil athletics and Southeast Missouri State Athletics where his son Jerry played baseball and son Jimmy ran track. His love for auto racing was second to none as every Sunday you could find him watching NASCAR and every May tuning into the Indianapolis 500. He had many friends in the racing community all across the country. He was very proud of his two boys for following in his footsteps in law

enforcement (Jimmy), and (Jerry) in the private security and private investigations industry. He loved his Wife Debra dearly and he knew she was the rock that held things together through their 40 years of marriage. He was a devoted Papa to Avery and never missed a ball practice, game, or school function. Jerry graduated from Cape Central High School in 1970. He was a 1975 graduate of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Police Academy and a 1979 graduate of the National Traffic Management Institute.

He is survived by his Wife Debra Wolsey of Chaffee, MO.

Sons, Jerry (Amy) Wolsey Jr. of Benton MO. and Jimmy (Fiancé, Amy Klug) Wolsey of Kansas City, MO.

Brother Terry (Becky) Wolsey of Cape Girardeau, MO.

Grandson Avery Wolsey of Benton, MO. and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his Father, Mother, and a Brother Tom Wolsey.

Visitation will be Sunday, September 20, 2015 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Funeral will be Monday, September 21, 2015 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel at 10 :00 AM with the Rev. Chris Clifton, retired Scott County Sheriff William F. Ferrell and retired SEMO Baseball Coach Mark Hogan officiating.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Bledsoe, Phil Greggory, Terry Wolsey Jr. Shawn Davis, David Cato and Rob Watson

Entombment will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

# 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

SEP 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

SEP 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ May God rest his mighty hand over this family who has suffered such a loss. Jerry was the most gracious family man. He took everyone under his wing and fought to right the wrongs and protect the innocent. Many phone calls and emails kept us in contact with this man, will be very sadly missed. I never had the opportunity to meet this man, but his wonderful soul came out in his phone calls and emails. We feel a big hole in our hearts. Praise Jesus, he has taken a wonderful angle home. God, please help this family as they mourn their loss of Jerry. Give them the strength to go forward and someday they will all be in your house for ever.  
May Peace Be With You.  
Jeanine & Alan

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**Jeanine** - October 09, 2015 at 06:09 AM



“ Orange and Yellow Sunflower Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Jerry Don Wolsey.



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September 23, 2015 at 07:41 PM

LW

“ Words cannot express our sorrow at the passing of Jerry. He was a good man. Condolences to all of his family and friends.  
Lonnie and Toni Wilke



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**lonnie wilke** - September 21, 2015 at 03:08 PM

CG

“ *Condolences to the family. Jerry contacted me every year to be Santa for Avery his grandson. . It was a joy to see the smiles on Jerry and Debbie"s face when Avery saw Santa. Those memories and all memories will live in our hearts for ever*

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**Charlie Griffith** - September 21, 2015 at 09:25 AM

SA

“ *Debra so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family .  
Bob & Sarah (Dodds) Anderson (Class of 1970. )*

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**Sarah Dodds Anderson** - September 21, 2015 at 08:12 AM

RV

“ *To the Family of Jerry Wolsey.*

*I was shocked and saddened to hear of his death. While I have never had the pleasure of meeting him in person, we traded an occasional e-mail and I used his service for a problem situation. I considered him a respected friend. May God bless all of you in your sorrow. We will all miss him.*

*Ralph VanGennip*

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**Ralph VanGennip** - September 20, 2015 at 11:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Don Wolsey.*



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September 20, 2015 at 10:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Don Wolsey.*



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September 20, 2015 at 02:01 PM



“ *I remember in school Jerry making me laugh till I cried; glad u touch my life.*



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**yvonne CardwellJohnson** - September 20, 2015 at 01:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Don Wolsey.*



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September 20, 2015 at 12:36 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. He taught me so much early in my law enforcement career. I always enjoyed his company when both riding with him at work or spending time with him at home. He's definitely going to have the best Nascar seat there is!*

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**Eric Raspberry** - September 20, 2015 at 11:58 AM

MC

*May Peace be with the Family. He was a good man. He was a mentor that showed me the other side of the tracks. If it wasn't for you, I might have took a different road in life's struggles! Deb my heart goes out for you and the Boys.*

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**Michael K. Campbell** - September 21, 2015 at 05:28 PM

CD

“ *Mrs. Wolsey, Jimmy, Jerry, Amy, Avery,*

*Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Nothing right now can be said or done to take away the pain you feel from losing him so suddenly. Know that you are surrounded by friends and family that loved Jerry and all of you so much. He will watch over and protect you every day. Continue to make him proud. Love and hugs to you all.*

*Christina Smith Duby, Jim Duby family*

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**christina smith duby** - September 20, 2015 at 11:29 AM

GS

“ *Debbie, Jerry, and Jimmy---May God wrap his arms around you give you comfort!!! He wanted another angel at his side and we, left behind must remember that His Will is most important!!! Jerry was such a wonderful, kind and gentle man--he would give you the shirt off his back and anything else one needed. He helped so many people on so many occasions and never asked for anything in return. I know the suddenness of his departure is truly devastating, but now he will be in the Arms of God and looking down on each of you every minute. Lots of love and comfort for your family! He will be truly missed! God Bless you!!*

*Georgia Kirchoerfer Smith*



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**georgia smith** - September 20, 2015 at 09:25 AM

SW

“ *My Dear Friend! You meant so much to me and was one of my closest friends. It was always a good experience hearing your views, stories and every day gripes. There wasn't much we didn't disagree on. Dang it Jerry, I'm going to miss you terribly!! Thank you for all the encouragements you gave me during my worst moments. Thank you for having confidence in me on and off the Police Board. Thank you most for being a friend that I could always count on!! May God grant you a peaceful and restful place among the saints....and may God comfort your lovely wife Debbie along with your sons Jimmy and Jerry! Until we meet again.*  
*Steve Wall*

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**Steve wall** - September 20, 2015 at 09:06 AM

MV

“ *So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. My heart goes out to his family and friends. Our paths crossed many times in my life and he was always the perfect professional and a perfect gentleman. He was truly a man of integrity. I worked with Debra and was a friend of Terry and Becky. The history with this family will be cherished. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless You All - Mary Vickery*



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**Mary Vickery** - September 20, 2015 at 07:09 AM

JH

“ *Jerry and I worked together on several cases, while I was on the Chaffee Police Department and He was on the Scott County Sheriff's Department. We became good friends. I remember that he really Racing. Chaffee has lost a good man.*

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**Jack Hargraves** - September 19, 2015 at 10:48 PM

JD

“ Our prayers are with the Wolsey family.  
May you feel God's presence in a special way during this very  
difficult time. Jane Rader DeBoe (CHS 1970)

jane Rader DeBoe - September 19, 2015 at 10:39 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Jerry Don Wolsey.



September 19, 2015 at 09:41 PM

DK

“ My deepest sympathy to Jerry's family... He was a great family man  
and friend to so many. His love for racing was shared with my dad,  
Paul Asbridge, who he met at the young age of 16. He and dad  
shared many racing stories with us that we will always remember.  
We are going to miss you jerry, and all the great things you did...

Diane Kilburn - September 19, 2015 at 08:59 PM

GE

“ I have known Jerry since I was a little girl as  
he worked with my mom for Bill Ferrell. He  
was always so nice and always remembered  
me, even after he had left working at the Scott  
County Sheriff's Office. Please know that you  
are in my thoughts and prayers.



Gina Schiwitz Essner - September 19, 2015 at 08:53 PM

KK

“ I lost a good friend, Jerry "Wolsey"! But you will never be forgotten. May You Rest In Peace! You left a wonderful family to soon, a wife Debbie who is my dear friend, two great sons Jerry Jr (Amy) and Jimmy(Amy), and a grandson Avery, that you loved beyond words! Keep telling your many stories that you had to tell and watch over your family and friends as you did before you was called Home to that glorious land called Heaven!  
May God wrap his arms around all your family and friends and give them comfort always!  
"Kirn" Kathy



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**Kathy Kirn** - September 19, 2015 at 08:50 PM

DN

*Rest In Peace Dear Friend. You are in the arms of Jesus. All of your Family and Friends will miss you very much, but we know that from time to time you will be checking in on us and watching over your Family, Grandson and many Friends. You will be missed Jerry and forever loved. The CHS Class of 1970 has lost another great classmate and friend. Until we all meet again in Heaven, God Bless you for all you have done to serve and protect the community.*

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**Debbie Cotner Norman** - September 20, 2015 at 01:57 AM

DH

“ Jerry and I were friends from his first day as an Officer at Sikeston Police Dept. and he never failed in his duties as an officer and friend. Rest in Peace Jerry, you will not be forgotten. Lead on Col. Wolsey. Respectfully Dan Hinton

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**Dan Hinton** - September 19, 2015 at 08:48 PM

Lyndel  
Revelle

“ I will miss talking to Jerry about our class and the amny good times we had going places together. One fun thing I remember was when he took his MG and ran it at the St Genevieve Drag Strip and that the first drag race I ever went to and his dad was along then too. he always liked to talk about racing and he was a really fun guy and could always make you laugh. He will be missed by all the classmates from the Class of 1970 which he graduated with. I send the Deepest condolences from the Central class of 1970 and myself. Thanks for all the great memories Jerry, you will be missed.



Lyndel Revelle  
Central High Class of 1970

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Lyndel Revelle - September 19, 2015 at 08:40 PM

KM

“ THE OLD SAYING OF...WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT WE HAD UNTIL ITS GONE...WELL...WITH JERRY...THIS WILL BE KNOWN BY MANY...FOR HE WAS INVOLVED IN SO MUCH...HIS PERSONAL DEPTH IN HIS PASSION IN HIS LOVE AND DEVOTION OF COUNTRY...FAMILY/OTHERS... PROFESSION...HIS COMMUNITY...AND LORD AND SAVIOR...WAS SO GREAT AND HE WAS NOT AFRAID TO SHOW THIS...THANK YOU SIR FOR ALL YOU DID...THANK YOU TOO...JERRY'S FAMILY...FOR SHARING HIM WITH ALL...I FIRST GOT TO KNOW JERRY WHEN I WAS WITH CAPE P.D. BACK IN 1985 AND HE WAS "ALWAYS" READY TO HELP WITH ANYTHING...IN MY PRAYERS...GOD BLESS YOU JERRY AND GOD BLESS AMERICA...



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KENTON MARTIN - September 19, 2015 at 08:20 PM