



## Joe M. Kluesner

October 10, 1926 - February 7, 2017

Joe M. Kluesner, 90, of Cape Girardeau died Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau.

He was born October 10, 1926 in Saint Joseph, Tennessee to Frank B. and Monica M. Reischman Kluesner.

He and Elizabeth "Betty" Welter were married April 16, 1955 at Kelso, Missouri.

Joe moved with his family to Chaffee, Missouri when he was 11 years old. He attended St. Mary High School in Cape Girardeau.

He was honored to serve in the U.S. Army in Korea. He began his duty December 29, 1948 for 11 months. He reenlisted January 4, 1951 and was transported to Korea aboard the USNS General John Pope. He returned in November 1951. During his time of service he attended North Carolina Engineering School.

Joe had an incredible work ethic/energy level which manifested itself in a 30-plus-years business partnership with his brother A.J., known as Kluesner Plasterers.

His hobbies included gardening, cutting firewood, and finding any small or large project which involved using tools or his tractor. Having grown up in a large family and having raised seven children with his wife Betty, Joe cherished family gatherings and saw them as opportunities to share a laugh as well as recruit others into his hobbies. He also enjoyed basket making, making homemade V8 juice, and inventing new tools which resulted in his own patent. He was also a good story teller.

He was a devoted Catholic, a member of St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church. He belonged to Knights of Columbus Council # 6405 in Jackson and V.F.W. Post 3838.

Survivors include three sons, Roger (Mary Jo) Kluesner of Ames, Iowa, Dennis (Cecilia) Kluesner of Lawrenceville, Georgia, Curtis Kluesner of Cape Girardeau; two daughters, Marilyn (Mark) Proffer and Geri (Brent) Beussink of Cape Girardeau; brother, A.J. (Betty) Kluesner of Cape Girardeau; five sisters, Frances Scheeter of New Hamburg, Missouri, Willie Schetter of Chaffee, Missouri, Flora Brucker of New Hamburg, Clairene Priest of Gordonville, Missouri, Diane (Larry) Lovell of Anna, Illinois; 13 grandchildren, Chad (Cortney) Proffer, Luke Proffer, Molly Proffer, Nick (Megan) Kluesner, Mary Beth (Chris) Etscheidt, Zach (Alex) Kluesner, Alli Kluesner, Lauren (Derek) Nelson, Ben Beussink, Shannon Beussink, Kaci Kluesner, Jamie Kluesner, Alisha (Jake) Balzer; six great-grandchildren; one great-step grandchild; and twin great-grandsons are expected In mid-April.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; sons, James and Richard Kluesner; brothers, Rufus, Clete, Ernie, Rudolph "Buster," Tom and Walter Kluesner. In addition an infant brother and infant sister died at birth.

Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at Ford

& Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. Parish prayers will be at 6:00 PM with Knights of Columbus Rosary immediately following.

Funeral mass will be at 10:30 AM Friday, February 10, 2017 at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. David Hulshof officiating.

Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau. Full military honors will be provided by Missouri Honors Team.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Vincent's Christian Service or Missouri Veterans Home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Parish Prayers

FEB 9. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Rosary

FEB 9. 6:20 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

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FEB 10. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church  
1919 Ritter Dr.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Military Honors

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FEB 10. 11:45 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cemetery  
1101 Perry Avenue  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Marilyn, A.J., and Betty, please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your father and brother Joe. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Barbara Hess*

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**Barbara Hess** - February 11, 2017 at 10:26 AM