



## Joe Willie Nunley Sr.

October 11, 1946 - January 25, 2024

Joe Willie Nunley Sr., affectionately known as “Jacob” or “Jake” was born Oct. 11, 1946, in Patton to Ernestine Burton and Fred D. Muse. Joe gained his golden wings Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, at the age of 77 at home in the presence of his loved ones after battling cancer.

He had a big loving heart and a warm soul that drew people to him. There was never a dull moment when he came around, he was always the life of any party and you were guaranteed to get a good laugh.

Joe was a veteran who served in the Army for three years from 1966 to 1968 until he was honorably discharged. He then became a police officer for the Cape Girardeau Police Department in September of 1970.

Joe was united in marriage to Shirley Jean Johnson on Nov. 29, 1968. In his free time, Joe loved spending time with his family, hanging out with friends and watching sports and westerns.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Nunley, parents, Fred and Ernestine Nunley, and a brother, Cecil Nunley.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories with his seven children, three daughters, Alice Nunley of Cape Girardeau, Jessica Harris of Cape

Girardeau, and Malissa (Charles) Thompson of Columbia, Missouri; four sons, Joe (Tamera) Nunley Jr., Marvin (LaToya) Nunley of Cape Girardeau, Shawn (LaWanda) Nunley of St. Louis, and Jared (Maida) Harris of Nashville, Tennessee; three brothers, Anthony Ray Nunley, Tommy Nunley, and Ricky Nunley, all of Cape Girardeau; two sisters, Jackie Nunley of Cape Girardeau and Linda Faye of Jackson, Tennessee. He also leaves to cherish his memories with his 26 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and an abundant number of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at Ford and Sons Funeral Home Mount Auburn in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the funeral home, with Mea Triplett, the Rev. Ralph Stafford Moore and the Rev. Tommy Robinson officiating.

Burial will be at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield following the funeral service.

Online condolences may be made at [fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)

Ford and Sons Funeral Home — Mount Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans at Bloomfield

Bloomfield, MO 63825

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1313  
info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 2. 10:00 AM.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home Mt. Auburn

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Sincere condolences and prayers to the Nunley Family. Jake will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Jake was always a kind and compassionate Man to me my Family. Love Always! Jenita Sparks-Johnson & Family



Jenita Sparks-Johnson - February 01, 2024 at 05:09 PM

MP

So sorry for you all loss, R.I.P. until we meet again brother -N-Law. Love always , 🤗💜🤗. praying for the family.

Maxine -Curry- Pinkerton - February 02, 2024 at 01:19 PM

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“ Ervin T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Willie Nunley Sr..

Ervin T. - February 01, 2024 at 12:51 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joe Willie Nunley Sr..



February 01, 2024 at 12:51 PM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss.

Jimmy SMITH - February 01, 2024 at 07:21 AM

VE

“ Valeria and Ernestine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Willie Nunley.

Valeria and Ernestine - January 31, 2024 at 04:27 PM

VE

“ Valeria and Ernestine purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joe Willie Nunley Sr..



Valeria and Ernestine - January 31, 2024 at 04:27 PM

YF

“ Your Chartwells Dining Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joe Willie Nunley Sr..



Your Chartwells Dining Family - January 30, 2024 at 12:59 PM

YF

“ Your Chartwells Dining Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Willie Nunley.

Your Chartwells Dining Family - January 30, 2024 at 12:59 PM