



John F. Mehrle, Jr.

February 24, 2013

John F. Mehrle, Jr., 84 of Cape Girardeau, died February 24, 2013 at home surrounded by his wife and sister-in-law, Shirley Knupp. He was born May 9, 1928 in Cape Girardeau to the late John F. and Pansie Delores (Hunt) Mehrle. On November 14, 1952 he married Wanda Jean Smith a.k.a. Nine Mae. He grew up in Cape and was educated in the Cape public schools and Southeast Missouri State Teachers College. John worked for the Broadway Fruit Market, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. and was employed in the accounting department of the Southeast Missourian for 39 years, retiring in 1995. As a lifetime member of Grace United Methodist Church, he served in a variety of positions, most active in its music ministry, vocal choir over 50 years, Grace Notes, Bells of Grace (both hand bell choirs) and the Agape Ensemble. Some of his affiliations were St. Marks Lodge No. 93 A.F. & A.M., B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 639 and Cape Girardeau Noon Lions Club. He played in the Cape Girardeau Municipal Band and was a long-time member of the Cape Choraliers and they went to the world's fair in Seattle, WA. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 8 years and was called to active duty during the Korean conflict. John enjoyed ballroom dancing, especially dancing a cha cha to "Tea for two" or dancing a graceful waltz. He also liked solving the world's problems with his coffee buddies 6 days a week. Survivors include his wife of 60 years; daughter, Jennifer Anne (Bart) Byrum of Jackson; daughter-in-law, Donna Mehrle of Jefferson City; 4 grandsons, Landon, Trenton, Mason Byrum of Jackson and Andrew Mehrle of Jefferson City. He was preceded in death by

his parents and son, Randy Len, October 5, 2012. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 26, 2013 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to Grace United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Nina Mae I am so sorry. My brother Richard(Butch) and he were friends and played together for many years when they were younger. God bless you and keep you in his care. He was such a good guy. I was so happy to be able to sit with you all at our 50th class reunion and renew our friendship then. God bless you and keep you in your sorrow. Ruth*

Ruth Eggimann Braning - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Dear Nina...I'm so sorry for the loss of John and your son. Please know I'm thinking of you at this sad time. Sending big hugs and prayers your way. Please give my best to Shirley and Joyce. Shirley*

Shirley Kassel Peat - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Our deepest condolences. Remember he is now out of pain and singing and dancing in the streets of gold.*

Gloria Arnold - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *We were saddened to hear of John's passing. I will always remember John with fondness when I think of his participation in handbells and Agape Madrigal group. One of my favorite memories of him is his duet with Ray Haring at Christmas in "Somebody Snatched on Me". He was a wonderful person. We will miss him.*

Janis and Larry E. Gallamore - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Nina, I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Johnny. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Kim Sunby - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Nina and Family I was so sorry to see John's Obit in the newspaper - My deepest condolences to you all - Remember the Happy times and Wonderful Memories - He will be missed (I worked in the accounting Dept with him at the Southeast Missourian)*

Tina Riehn - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Mehrle. I had the pleasure of working with him many years ago at the Southeast Missourian. He was a well-respected man and am sure will be missed by many.*

Joyce Wulfers Streiler - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Dear Nina, Jen and Family, My thought and prayers are with all of you, May God grant you comfort, strength and peace in this time of grief! May God bless and keep you!!*

Martha Dillon - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM