



## John W. Popp, Jr.

November 6, 1935 - July 7, 2016

John W. Popp Jr. went home to meet his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at 11:55 pm Thursday, July 7, 2016. His wife, family and pastors were gathered praying and singing John's favorite hymns at his home.

John was born November 6, 1935 to John and Irene Popp at Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau, MO.

He graduated from Central High School, class of 1954. He attended Southeast Missouri State College and later graduated from Oklahoma A&M in Okmulgee, OK with an associates degree in Agriculture. On May 18, 1957 John married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Daniels, at First Baptist Church of Cape Girardeau, where both were members.

John's first job took him and his bride to Amite, Louisiana, where he was a farm manager for a Dairy and Tongue Grove operation. Later they moved to the Oak Ridge, MO community and rented a farm where he raised a large flock of sheep, Angus cattle, hogs, and field crops from 1957-1968.

Popp was proud to be a part of the US Naval Reserve Unit in Cape Girardeau, where he received an honorable discharge after 8 years of service.

John was a chemist at Trojan Powder Co. from 1966-1968. He then was hired

as a manager at Procter & Gamble. He and his family spent one year in Cheboygan, MI (June 1968-69) while training to open the Pampers plant in Cape Girardeau. Mr. Popp worked for P&G from 1968-1984. In 1984 he started the Independence Public Warehouse in Cape Girardeau and the Lee Avenue Warehouse in Jackson. He also served as the President and managed Georgell Properties, Inc. He retired from business life in June 2006. At that time he returned to his real joy; gardening at a small acreage in the Gordonville area.

John was a member of Gideon International, Cape Girardeau camp and on the Board of Directors for Teen Challenge International Mid-America of Cape Girardeau, where he served several terms as VP and a member of the Corporate Board. He was an active member of First Baptist Church Jackson since 1974. He served on numerous committees, including the education building committee from 1985-86. He was a dedicated teacher in Sunday School. He began teaching at First Baptist Church in Oak Ridge where he taught elementary age boys. He later continued teaching 4th grade Sunday School, with his wife Barbara, for over 25 years at First Baptist Jackson. John was a faithful participant of Wednesday evening prayer meetings and went on several mission trips and also was a strong supporter of his wife's mission endeavors.

John was a loving husband to Barbara for 59 blessed years of marriage. Barbara survives along with their three children: Steve (Terri) Popp of Jackson; David (Aimee) Popp of O'Fallon, IL; Betsy (Norman) Schultz of Charlotte, NC. A sister, Cathi Popp Smith of Baton Rouge, LA and nine grandchildren:

Blake Popp of Jackson; Jamie Popp Kiefer (Brian) of Jackson; Capt. Norman Popp stationed at RAF Mildenhall, England; Earl (Caleigh) Popp of Lubbock, TX; DJ Popp (Courtney) of Minot, ND; Matt Popp of Dyersburg, TN; Amelia Popp of Jackson; Elliott Schultz and Ian Schultz both of Charlotte, NC. Five

great grandchildren: London, Sydney and Kaleb Popp; Even and Owen Kiefer all of Jackson.

Visitation will be held at Jackson First Baptist Church, Monday, July 11 from 4 to 8 pm.

A memorial service will be officiated by Pastor Lucas Clabough at Jackson First Baptist Church, Tuesday, July 12 at 11 am.

A graveside service will be held at Memorial Park at a later date.

The family suggests memorial donations be given to: Gideon International Cape Girardeau Camp, Teen Challenge International Mid-America of Cape Girardeau or Jackson First Baptist Church, Mission Fund.

# 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

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
926 Broadway  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Memorial Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
926 Broadway  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ We will always remember Johnny and Barbara's visit to Montana in 2008. Barbara and I have been friends for many years through the General Federation of Woman's Clubs but it was the first time our husbands were brought into the friendship. They hit it off immediately. Johnny will be missed by everyone who knew him and we count ourselves fortunate to have counted him as one of our friends. May God give you comfort during this difficult time Barbara, Steve, David, Betsy and families.  
Sandy and Ed Tecca  
Kalispell, MT

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**Sandy and Ed Tecca** - July 19, 2016 at 03:55 PM

DB

“ Barbara, Steve, and the rest of the family - We just learned of John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him, but you have peace and comfort knowing where he is and that he is no longer in pain. You can also find comfort in the fact that you will all be united again one day. David & Sandy Bloom

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**David & Sandy Bloom** - July 13, 2016 at 10:07 AM

PG

“ In our deepest sympathy, we pray for your comfort and strength during this season of seemingly insurmountable grief and pain. God is able to make your days shine brighter as ever to conquer despair. Do not be discouraged, let him always be your guiding light!



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**PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS** - July 12, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of John W. Popp, Jr..*



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July 11, 2016 at 10:46 AM



“ *Randy Patterson Lifegroup, FBC O'Fallon IL purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of John W. Popp, Jr..*



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**Randy Patterson Lifegroup, FBC O'Fallon IL** - July 11, 2016 at 09:21 AM



“ *My sympathy to all of the memories of the family in the loss of John Popp. He was truly an exceptional individual, friendly, personable, and honest. I was an acquaintance of his for many years and he never failed to meet me with his open and reassuring smile, and gracious hand shake. I liked him from the very first time I met him. I valued him as a friend, and I know the family will be challenged by his loss. Be consoled by all of the great memories you must have, and reassured by all of the great and good friends that he made. Bless you.*  
*Frank Nickell*

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**Frank Nickell** - July 10, 2016 at 05:20 PM



*Love and sympathy to Barbara and family.*

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**Delbert and Dimple Wiseman** - July 11, 2016 at 03:00 PM

FE

“ Was honored to work with John at P&G in Cape! Always a gentleman and a professional! A tremendous role model for newer managers as myself. A great coach & listener. Be thou at Peace!

Frank Eich - July 10, 2016 at 02:37 PM

PP

“ Phil & Debbie Penrod purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of John W. Popp, Jr..



Phil & Debbie Penrod - July 10, 2016 at 02:36 PM

DS

“ BARBARA & FAMILY , HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND TO ME AN BARB, I KNOW HE WILL BE MISSED

DOUG SEBAUGH - July 10, 2016 at 08:56 AM

LO

“ I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a wonderful man and I enjoyed working with and knowing him at Procter & Gamble. May God give you and your family the support and comfort you need in this hard time. Love and prayers.

LaDonna Oliver

LaDonna Oliver - July 10, 2016 at 08:47 AM



BP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Popp Family. John was a godly man and my family was so blessed to have known him. He will be missed everyday, but I know one day we will all be together again.*

*Blessings, Beverly Marks Prater & Family*

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**Beverly Prater** - July 09, 2016 at 10:06 PM

JS

“ *Dear Barbara and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of John's passing.. Have many fond memories of all of us growing up at First Baptist..  
My prayers are with all of you... What a comfort to know that we'll see our loved ones again in Heaven! John is seeing and experiencing all the joys in Heaven.. I know He welcomed his faithful servant with open arms and said "well done, my faithful servant"...*

*Hugs,  
Judy Bollinger Smith*

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**Judy Bollinger Smith** - July 09, 2016 at 09:42 PM

PM

“ *Praying for strength, love and comfort to all the family and friends of John! He was an influence in so many people's lives over the years. He and Barbara showed the love of God in all situations. Barbara...I love you and hold you in my heart and will continue to remember you during this time. Let God take your sorrow and comfort your heart.*

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**Paula Andrews Maupin** - July 09, 2016 at 04:11 PM

RS

“ May God bless John Popp's family during this time. He was such a wonderful Christian man and an example for all of us. It was a blessing being in the same Sunday School Department with him at First Baptist Church in Jackson. Our prayers are with Barbara and her family. Truman and Ruth Smith

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**Ruth Smith** - July 09, 2016 at 03:46 PM

DP

“ John was such a good friend and he will be greatly missed. Until we meet again.

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**Diana Prince** - July 09, 2016 at 03:32 PM

VF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. I have fond memories of John during the many years I was a member of Jackson First Baptist Church.  
Vella Friedman

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**Vella S Friedman** - July 09, 2016 at 03:30 PM

LA

“ I know that he was a great man because he raised a wonderful daughter, my sweet friend Betsy. Praying for the family at this difficult time and celebrating that he is now out of pain and with Jesus.

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**Lori Andersen** - July 09, 2016 at 01:10 PM