



## John T. Smothers

August 22, 1921 - February 7, 2019

John T. Smothers, 97, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Thursday, February 7, 2019 at Missouri Veteran's Home.

He was born August 22, 1921 near Swinton, Missouri to Orble and Minnie Mann Smothers.

He and Lelia Geraldine McLain were married June 19, 1943. She preceded him in death on April 28, 2004.

John served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II.

Most of his life he was a Hart's Bread route salesman.

He was an avid crappie fisherman well into his 80's. He enjoyed reading Louis L'Amour Westerns.

He attended Cape First Church and served on the church board for many years.

Survivors include his two sons, Dennis (Kay) Smothers of Poplar Bluff, Missouri and Howell Smothers of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; two grandsons, Jason (Julie) Smothers and Rodney Smothers; one granddaughter, Heather

(Yen) Sooton; and ten great-grandchildren.

John was preceded in death by his parents; wife; three brothers; three sisters; and a daughter-in-law, Teresa Smothers.

Visitation will be held 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 12:00 pm Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Gary Brothers officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Missouri Veterans Home or the Gideons International Memorial Bible Plan.

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

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# 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

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

FEB 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PL

“ Dear sweet, kind, considerate John. We have so many great memories of this great man. We have lost one of the best. He and Jerrie are together now, forever. We loved them both very much. God bless Howell and all of the family he left behind.



Peggy Lacey - February 13, 2019 at 09:58 PM

 Travis Smith

“ Spending summers at granddad and grandmom Holland's, Mr John would take me fishing and let me drive his boat. Our family is praying for yours on this sad day. Heaven rejoice!

Travis Smith - February 12, 2019 at 07:07 PM

AG

“ I was sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a dear friend. I will miss our before services. God bless the whole family with comfort and peace.

Amanda Glasscock - February 10, 2019 at 07:03 PM

FS

“ Furlin and Pam Smothers purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of John T. Smothers.



Furlin and Pam Smothers - February 09, 2019 at 08:03 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry hear about John. He was truly one of the greatest and kindest man to know and the best neighbor. He was always willing to lend a hand when someone needed one. I hope he and my dad (Virgil A. Skaggs) are fishing and enjoying each other once again. Thoughts and prayers...



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**Stephanie Skaggs-Kunefke** - February 09, 2019 at 01:14 AM