



## Joseph H. Dirden

October 7, 1946 - October 28, 2020

Joseph H. Dirden, 74, of Cape Girardeau went home to his Heavenly Father Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at The Lutheran Home.

He was born October 7, 1946 in Cape Girardeau to Elbert and Geneva Rhodes Dirden.

He and Linda Hedgecorth were married May 28, 1977 at First Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Joe was a graduate of Delta High School and received a Bachelors in Education from Southeast Missouri State University.

He was passionate about his work as a commercial truck salesman at Coad Chevrolet.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Cape Girardeau where he sang in the church choir. He was committed to serving the Lord.

Joe loved his dogs and loved to drive, especially, Sunday afternoons.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Linda Dirden of Cape Girardeau ; two children from a previous marriage, Alicia King of Whitewater, Missouri and

Neil (Jennifer) Dirden of Westminster, Colorado; two children with Linda, Wendy (Brent) Graviett of Cape Girardeau and Bruce (Teem) Dirden of Honolulu, Hawaii; and seven grandchildren, Courtney King, Colin King, Tommy Dirden, Amelia Graviett, Leo Dirden, Ella Graviett and Pavanna Dirden.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday November 4, 2020 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial service will follow at 1:00 pm Wednesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Jim Rudolph officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Humane Society of Southeast Missouri or Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

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

Ford and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

NOV 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SW

“ *S Windisch lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Dirden*



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**S windisch** - March 15, 2022 at 07:52 PM

DS

“ *Joe was truly one of a kind! My mom worked with him at Coad and he actually sold me my first car that I ever purchased on my own. My prayers go out to the family of Joe. The world is a little darker without him in it.*

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**Danielle Shepard** - November 04, 2020 at 11:39 AM

TF

“ *The Coad family and our employees were greatly saddened to learn of Joe's passing. Joe worked at Coad Chevrolet for more than 30 years. He was a devoted family man and Christian. He shared those virtues with all of us and our customers every day. We are all better people for having been blessed with Joe in our lives. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to his family. His influence on all of us was profound, and he will be greatly missed.*

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**The Coad Family** - November 04, 2020 at 08:01 AM

DP

“ *Joe was a great guy and he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Delbert (Griz) Phillips*

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**Delbert Phillips** - November 03, 2020 at 04:20 PM

YF

“ *Your Coad Chevrolet Family. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Joseph H. Dirden.*



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**Your Coad Chevrolet Family.** - November 03, 2020 at 03:08 PM

BL

“ *Bonan Link purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Joseph H. Dirden.*



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**Bonan Link** - November 03, 2020 at 12:17 PM

CM

“ *Alicia and Family - I know how much you loved your daddy, and I am positive he loved you very, very much as well. Keep his memories close in your heart, and he will always be with you. I'm praying for you all, and I'm just a message away should you need me. Love and hugs to you, sweet friend. Love Always - mCarol Brantley Mize*

*Mmm*

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**Carol Brantley Mize** - November 03, 2020 at 12:11 AM

KB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during these days.



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**Kathie Brennan** - November 02, 2020 at 10:54 AM

WW

“ Our friendship goes back over 50 years. We're saddened to learn of Joe's passing and extend our condolences to Linda, his children, and family. May you experience the peace and comfort of our Heavenly Father. Joe was a fine man and leaves a rich heritage!  
Wendell and Wanda Wyatt

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**Wendell Wyatt** - November 01, 2020 at 06:20 PM

DD

*I've known Joe since we were both 5 years of age as his family's farm bordered ours. He was a kind and gentle soul who spent 44 years happily married to Linda. I suppose the only regret I have is not having the opportunity to play the piano for his as he had asked me to do this past month. He reminded me that he was the one who encouraged me to develop my skills. Joe was a Christian who truly loved God. Linda, I am so very sorry for all that you two have been through.. I know it was so difficult for you both. I pray that God will pour out his blessings on you and yours as you face the future without Joe. Be still and know God's will will be yours to claim.  
Delores Eastman*

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**Delores Dietrich-Eastman** - November 02, 2020 at 01:08 AM

RW

“ Very Sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Just a Super Good man. I bought at least 4 trucks from him at Coad. Will always remember the the conversations and very pleasant deal-making. Great guy. Many prayers for all the family 🙏.

Roger Williams  
Jackson Mo

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**Roger Williams** - November 01, 2020 at 01:03 PM

JU

“ Heartfelt sympathy. Janice Unger

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**janice Unger** - November 01, 2020 at 09:38 AM

DU

“ David and Shelley Ungerank purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Joseph H. Dirden.



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**David and Shelley Ungerank** - October 31, 2020 at 01:18 PM

MC

“ Joe was my first cousin, a great friend, and an all-around good guy. I will miss him very much. Love and sympathy to Linda, children, and grandchildren and to Joe's extended family and friends. God Bless.

Marilyn Crites

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**Marilyn Crites** - October 31, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ *Heartfelt sympathy. Janice Unger*

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**Janice Unger** - October 31, 2020 at 10:04 AM

BI

*Linda, we were so very saddened to hear of Joe's passing. We know the Lord was waiting to welcome Joe home. Please know that we are thinking of you and your family with sincere sympathy.  
Bill and June Dunning*

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**Bill and June Dunning** - November 12, 2020 at 03:12 PM