



Kenneth J. "Sam" Unnerstall

January 23, 1933 - May 20, 2024

Kenneth J. "Sam" Unnerstall, 91, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Monday, May 20, 2024 at his home.

He was born January 23, 1933 at home in Cape Girardeau to Frank and Frieda Strong Unnerstall.

Sam was a 1951 graduate of Cape Central High School.

He and Carol Ann Graves were married August 23, 1957 at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She preceded him in death on December 21, 2004.

He served in the United States Army.

Following his Army discharge, he joined his father as a pharmacist at Unnerstall Drug Store, where they worked together for many years. Upon his father's death he took over the family business. He also worked at Broadway Prescription Shop as a pharmacist for several years.

He was a member of LaCroix Church in Cape Girardeau.

Sam was also a member of Cape Jaycess, Otakian Girl Scout Council, Tater Hill Deer and Gun Club, past member of the Elks Lodge and lifelong member

of pharmaceutical organizations. He served a board member for Girl Scouts for many years. He was a lifelong supporter of civic group and youth sports in Cape Girardeau. He had a servants heart for those in need throughout his career. He loved his family dearly, as well as many friends and always had a soft spot for animals. He never knew a stranger and was blessed by his many friendships.

Survivors include a daughter, Julia Unnerstall of Cape Girardeau; a son, John David Unnerstall of Sedgewickville, Missouri; three grandchildren, Zachary John Stagner, Samuel David Unnerstall and Colton Jack Unnerstall; a sister-in-law, Jo Graves Nunnally; and three nieces, Maria Crites McMahan, Sally Crites Finch and Kristine Nunnally Danchise.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife and a sister, June Crites.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 am Friday, May 24, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Daniel Seabaugh officiating.

Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau, with full military honors.

Memorial contributions may be given to LaCroix Church or SEMO Pets.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ Never will I forget his humor and jokes he would pull on customers and employees. One couldn't ask for a better boss. Memories of him will always bring a smile to my face. Julia you have my deepest sympathy for your loss.

Mitchell Callus - June 04, 2024 at 09:31 PM

SD

“ Sarah D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth J. "Sam" Unnerstall.

Sarah D. - June 02, 2024 at 08:34 PM

SD

“ I have many fond memories of fun times at the Unnerstall house! Especially the Derby party. Much love to Julie and John David.

Sarah Daniel - June 02, 2024 at 08:32 PM

LY

“ Julia was in my first grade class. Her Dad was a great example of what a parent should be. I'm sure he will be missed, but remembered with love.
With sympathy,
Linda Joy Yow

Linda Joy Yow - May 23, 2024 at 07:57 PM

VH

“ Vern & Cherry and Liza & Terry Hopkins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth J. "Sam" Unnerstall.



Vern & Cherry and Liza & Terry Hopkins - May 23, 2024 at 05:06 PM

VH

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Vern & Cherry and Liza & Terry Hopkins - May 23, 2024 at 05:06 PM

LA

“ Love you my dear friend, Angela purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth J. "Sam" Unnerstall.



Love you my dear friend, Angela - May 23, 2024 at 11:09 AM

TC

“ The Hopkins clan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kenneth J. "Sam" Unnerstall.



The Hopkins clan - May 23, 2024 at 08:47 AM

TC

“ The Hopkins clan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth J. "Sam" Unnerstall.

The Hopkins clan - May 23, 2024 at 08:47 AM

JC

“ I first met Carol in DAR....Later I met Sam and the rest of the family....i enjoyed the social affairs that Sam and Julia put on at Sam's house...especially the KY Derby parties

Janet Chamberlain - May 23, 2024 at 02:11 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. "Sam" Unnerstall.



May 22, 2024 at 09:31 PM

FM

“ From Hunter Michielson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth J. "Sam" Unnerstall.

From Hunter Michielson - May 22, 2024 at 09:31 PM