



Kermit J. "Moose" Meystedt, I

January 10, 2015

Kermit J. "Moose" Meystedt, I, 69, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Saturday, January 10, 2015. He was born in Cape Girardeau July 20, 1945, son to Clarence and Hazel Meystedt. Moose graduated from Central High School in 1963 and received a Bachelor's Degree from Southeast Missouri State University in 1967 where he still holds the record for most points scored in a single basketball game, 52 points. He then went on to be drafted by the Kentucky Colonels of the ABA. Married November 6th, 1970, he faithfully led his family as a husband to Sandy Haney Meystedt of Cape Girardeau; a loving father to Madra (Michael) Jones of Cape Girardeau, Kermit Jay (Gabrielle) Meystedt, II of Cape Girardeau, and Aron (Lauren) Meystedt of Dallas, Texas; and grandfather to Graesen, Anna Clare, Savannah, Liviah, Kermit Jay, III, and he was anxiously awaiting the arrival of grandchild number six. Moose was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau and was currently serving on the Board of Elders. Moose and Sandy founded Genesis Transportation in 1982 and retired together June 30, 2012. During that time the Lord used Genesis as an outward expression of their faith in Jesus Christ to provide for countless missions across the United States. Our comfort as a family comes from the truth that this is not the end but the beginning. In John 11:25, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me even though he dies, yet shall he live!" Visitation will be held 4:00 to 7:00 PM, Monday, January 12, 2015 at Trinity Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may

be given to Saxony Lutheran High School or Trinity Lutheran Church. In celebration of his life, there will be a private service.

Tribute Wall

LG

“ It is with deep heart-felt sympathy that I send my condolences! Kermit had such a great smile and was just such a nice man!!! To Sandy, Jay and the rest of the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers today and in the days to come!!!

Lorie Gordon - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ If there was ever a servant that God would say "Well done, good and faithful servant" it would be the word's God said to Kermit when he met him in heaven. Thank you Lord for allowing Kermit to touch our lives. Lifting all of you up in prayer. Praying for the Hand of God to bring His Joy in a time of heartfelt pain.

cristy richardson - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Having known the family for many years, I remember, as a young kid, delivering the newspaper to the Meystedt house and seeing Mr. Meystedt out on the drive playing basketball with the boys. He was always very kind and served as a positive role model to all who knew him. To the Meystedt family, just know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Heaven is full of wonderful people and your family is well-represented now. Respectfully, Ken Pemberton, Jr.

Ken Pemberton, Jr. - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. He was such a wonderful man. God Bless You All.

Lana gilwater - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ jerry and I are so saddened by this news. "Moose" was a wonderful man and one of my treasured friends.

Jerry Suedekum - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Sandy and family, So very sorry for your loss. I always looked up to and had so much respect for Moose. My prayers for peace are w/all of you.

Justin Suedmeyer - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I am very sorry to hear about the passing of Moose. He was by far one of the most remarkable men I have ever been blessed to have known. He carried his devotion to his company Genesis that I worked with for many years while I worked at Golden Products and he and his entire staff were amazing people. Heaven has gained a wonderful man. May you rest in peace Moose! Always in my heart and prayers! Marshia Eaton

Marshia Eaton - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

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SC

“ Sandy, We taught together many years ago at Jackson Jr. High, and I still remember your "Kermit" stories - usually humorous, always entertaining. So very sorry for your loss. Peace to you and your family - Sheila (Seabaugh) Cunningham

Sheila Cunningham - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ My sincere sympathy to the family. I knew Kermit as a man of great faith and a big heart. He will be missed. My good friend and longtime Notre Dame baseball coach, Jim Glastetter tells a story about Moose hitting a ball off of the school at old Notre Dame when the field was turned the other way. Jim says that it was the farthest hit he has ever seen.

Brad Wittenborn - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Charlie and I are sorry for your loss, Moose was a very nice person. He will be missed.

Jesse James/ Charlie James - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May God watch over you and your family. Moose was a good friend and will be deeply miss. James and family

James Morgan - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ So fortunate to have grown up in Cape, during the 60s, with the Meystedts; what wonderful memories. I knew Kermit even before he was Moose. Haven't seen him in 40 years, but I'll miss him nonetheless he was a man's man. My sincere condolences to Sandy, the kids, Diane, and the rest of the family. Terry Barks

Terry Barks - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I am so saddened by the news. I simply love you guys. I truly wish I could be there today and if there is ANY thing I can ever do. Please just ask. I feel like you are family to me and I am so sorry that you have to go through this tough time. My heart and prayers are with you. Lars

Lars Peterman - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ To soon to hear of Moose passing, but am sure the gates were wide open and the trumpets where sounding as our Lord had called him home. Sandy you may take comfort in knowing his work on earth is done and now home at last.

Darrel Wunderlich - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I was so sorry to hear about Moose's passing. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Christy Bollinger - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Sandy, I am so sorry to hear that Moose has passed away. He was a dedicated believer and lived his faith in the Lord every day. The two of you were so generous to Teen Challenge while I was there and I always knew it was because you and Moose really cared about our students and wanted them to know Jesus like you do. I know your heart must be heavy now even though you know that he is with the Lord. But we know that we will join him soon and that hope is the comfort we have. Please express my condolences to the family and may God strengthen and comfort you now and in the weeks and months ahead.

Jack Smart - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Sandy & Family, So deeply saddened to read of Moose's passing. God Bless you all & hold you near as you celebrate his life; the love and amazing legacy that he leaves with you. Bill & Libby Koch

Bill & Libby Koch - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Very sorry for your loss. Moose was one of a kind, I had the pleasure of getting to know him while doing business with him. He was a great guy to talk to and impossible to sneak something by him. I will be keeping your entire family in my thoughts and prayers

Laramy Gregory - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Sorry to hear about Moose's passing. Condolences to his family. Moose and I were boyhood friends and almost neighbors. We went to school together at Trinity Lutheran and Central High and were in the same home room since his name started with M and mine with N. He obviously loved the Lord and spoke of his Savior whenever he could. I will miss him and I know he is in heaven now with his Savior.

Gene Nussbaum - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Moose was an outstanding family man no doubt about that just a great guy all around that cared for his fellow man and community. I was at the game the night Moose scored 52 points in one single SEMO game and that record still holds today. He will be sadly missed by all. God Bless and Rest in Peace Moose.

Jerry Wolsey - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers. The Lord be with you all.

The Younghouse Family - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Growing up as a neighbor and friend of the Meystedts has given me many memories for which I'm thankful! In my mind, Moose was always on his mower taking care of his property and much of the neighborhood. He was trusted and loved, and his passing makes my heart sad. But he is undoubtedly with our Lord in Heaven! He and Sandy were a big reason why I'm a Christian, since they invited my parents into the faith nearly 35 years ago. Thank you, Moose, for your example and for the legacy you have left to your family and those whose lives you've impacted. Rest in Peace. Love, Sheila Millburg

Sheila Hood - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ I am so sad to hear of my friend's passing. Sandy, Madra, Jay and Aron(and your families) I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. If you need anything at all I am here.

Susie Pickett O'Connell - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Sandy, condolences to you and the children. I will always remember his generosity and loving heart. GOD bless you and yours, Mark

Mark C McKinney - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the Meystedt Family. Moose was a good man. Mike & Beckie Ford

Mike Ford - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Sandy and Family, Including you all in thoughts and prayers as I remember high school days with Moose. Wishing you peace in the days ahead. So sorry for your loss. Cory Foster, Central '63

Cory Foster - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I'm so sad to hear the news of Moose's passing. He was one of the finest men I have ever known. I will always remember when we were dropping our children off at Trinity Lutheran School and he would drive away blowing kisses to his children in his big animated way. Praying for peace and comfort in the days and months ahead.

Tammy Deimund - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Dearest Gigi & Diane, Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your father-in-law and brother and these to the other members of your family. I have only ever heard good things of Kermit over the years. I am sure he is looking over you all from heaven.

Herman & Virginia Wiedefeld - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Please accept my condolences. I only met Kermit one time at his home for bible study. He was such a nice gentleman and left a lasting impression. God bless Sandy and family.

Beverly Austin - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My childhood memories are intertwined with the Meystedt family ♦ Hazel, Clarence, Kermit and Diane. Not only were they our neighbors but they lived across the street from my aunt, uncle and cousin. Diane, I will never forget you and am happy that I got to see you again at my Uncle Ed♦s funeral. My heart goes out to you in the loss of your dear brother. Although I only met Sandy and his children about 5 years ago, it was obvious that Kermit was proud of his family. It♦s comforting to know that you are a family who trusts in the Resurrection of Christ.

Mary Ellen (Lewis) Schaefer - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My sympathies to you and your family. You were my great neighbors in Tanglewood Estates for over 15 years. I will always think of Moose on his riding lawn mower, making sure our subdivision looked it's best! I am so sorry for your loss.

Michelle Brown-Hollin - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Sandy and family, I just learned today of the passing of your beloved Kermit. I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you in this sad time. If you all need anything please call me. My son and I just moved to Carlsbad, NM and my phone number is 808-679-8839. Love and miss you all.

Jill Haney Morales - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family

Lonnie Wilke - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“*Heaven welcomed home a wonderful person. I know he will be greatly missed by so many. As stated, this is not the end, but the beginning of a much better place. God Bless!*”

Scott & Elaine Edgar - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“*A man's legacy of his children is one of the easiest ways to see his character. I believe I met this man only once, but my family has become good friends with his son Jay. And Jay is a lover of Jesus Christ, an honest, kind, loving, hard working man. I am sorry for this earth's loss, but thankful for the kind of man Kermit must have been, for his character to be continuing on in his children and grand children.*”

Kaitlan & Gregory Schwartz - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“*Sandy, I just read of Kermit's passing. May God bless you & your family with comfort & strength. Matthew 5:4.*”

Bill Surman - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“*Moose was on my paper route. I was year behind him. He was great with the ball ...BUT even better with people. He was always very kind to ALL.RIP Jim (RED) Kuehn*”

Jim(RED) Kuehn - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“*With great sympathy for the family of Kermit. He was a true gentleman and friend, and will be sorely missed by all. Our prayers include the family of Kermit at this time of sadness.*”

Larry & Debbie Welker - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Looked up to Kermit literally and figuratively all the way through school. Luckily I got to cross paths with him in a variety of ways as I went from a high schooler into college and even as I evolved into a teacher and coach. Have to say: he was someone that my friends and I admired to no end. Rest, Kermit. Bill Kiehne

Bill kiehne - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We wish to express our deepest sympathy to your family, and pray for strength and joy in the wonderful life God gave to Kermit. Special thot's to cousin Gigi and Jay and their little family. God bless you.

Dale and Barb (Gerler) Burroughs - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Sandy and Family I am so sorry for your loss. Kermit will be remembered and missed by all. He was a great man and I am honored to have known him. God be with your family and help you through the time ahead.

Jean Aslinger - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ With great sympathy for your loss. Keeping your family in our prayers. He will be missed by all. Sandy if you need anything please call.

Jane Fitzgerald - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Thinking about you at this time. I played basketball with Kermit at Central and Southeast. He was a talented player and great teammate. He was an even better man.

R.C. Grossheider - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Fran and I are sorry for your loss .Moose will always be in the memories of his friends . God Bless

Joe Metje - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Back in those great High School days, Moose, Greg Neihart and Alan Kesterson, who I still have Coffee with now and then, and so many more, where all dear friends even though we went to different Schools. Our Basketball and Baseball games were always one for the record book! When Moose was on the mound he looked like he was eight foot tall. Moose was a great guy, liked to smile and laugh a lot, and would always recognize you in a crowd. My heart goes out to the family, he will surely be missed by many!

Mike Bader - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Sending my condolences to the family. "Moose" was a great Christan family man. The family can take comfort knowing he is Heaven with His Lord and families and friends. Many stories of his basketball skills can be told. From the night of scoring 52 points, the night he hung on a rim and shattered a backboard, to making the pro's. I was around for all those. But when we practiced or played pickup I remember best. He was such a great man. He is walking the streets of gold now.

John Kelley - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PU

“Moose and I played basketball and baseball together at SEMO. He was a very talented athlete and I have always considered him a friend even though after college we lost contact.

Pete Ulmer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“Moose was a hero of mine when I was a grade-schooler in the 60's. It is good to know that he was even more admirable as a man as he was an athlete. My condolences to his family.

David Grace - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“Graesen and Madra, please accept my condolences on the passing of your grandfather/father on behalf of the Saxony Lutheran boys' basketball team. Graesen has called the team his "second family." Please rely on us as such and let us know if there is anything we can do to help ease the pain of your loss.

Tim Winkler - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM