



## Kerry Lee Baugher Sr.

January 31, 1938 - October 16, 2024

Kerry Lee Baugher Sr., 86, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at his home.

He was born January 31, 1938 in Cape Girardeau to Lawrence and Elsie Mae Woodard Baugher.

He and Dianne Gulley Stephens were married September 16, 2002 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Kerry was a graduate of Shawnee High School, received an undergraduate degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and a masters in education from Southeast Missouri State University.

He started his career as a teacher and coach at the Tamms Grade School and worked in the Egyptian School District for 34 years. He was a past president of Illinois Retired Teachers Association. Also after retirement from teaching, he worked for his son at Baugher Financial for 15 years.

Kerry was a former mayor of Tamms, Illinois and served on the Village Board for many years.

He attended Discover Life in Cape Girardeau.

He loved singing and was an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne Baugher of Cape Girardeau; three sons, Tim Pappas of Jackson, Kerry Lee (Jennifer) Baugher Jr. of Fountain Hills, Arizona and Michael Darren (April) Stephens of Scott City; three daughters, Toni (Russ) Lipe of Maryville, Illinois, Angela (Rick) Blechle of Cape Girardeau and Nichole (Chris) Fields of Millersville; sister, Diana Kelley of Cape Girardeau; 13 grandchildren, Ty Matthew, Jacob, Trey, Carson, Blair, Brooke, Brock, Andrew, Rachael, Malorie, Morgan, Makayla and Lilly; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, John Lawrence "Jack" Baugher; brother, Richard Baugher; and sister, Beverly June Winans.

Friends may call from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 am Monday, October 21, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau with Chuck Goforth officiating.

Burial will be at Lindsey Cemetery in McClure.

Memorial contributions may be given to Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis in honor of Lilly Stephens.

# Cemetery Details

## Lindsey Cemetery

McClure, IL 62957

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KU

“ Kari U. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kerry Lee Baugher Sr..

Kari U. - October 21, 2024 at 04:00 PM

SB

“ My sincere condolences to the Baugher family. Mr. Baugher taught me how to drive as the driver's education teacher at Egyptian High School...he was a very patient man. May God comfort you during your time of sorrow.

Sandy Nelson Brown - October 20, 2024 at 08:38 AM

MG

“ Mr. Baugher was always a special person to me. As my sixth and seventh grade teacher, driver's ed teacher, coach, and fellow teacher, and principal he always was very supportive in all instances. RIP Coach!

Michael Gunning - October 18, 2024 at 06:41 PM

JD

Kerry was a friend to me when I first started teaching. I remember him first as the high school basketball coach at Egyptian High School and observed him to be a great coach and gentleman. I had the privilege of playing baseball against Kerry and later enlisting his help as a second baseman on our semi-pro baseball team having since long retired from the game. Kerry's two boys played along side Pop in a doubleheader which we swept and Kerry helped turn several double plays. My sympathies to all his family.

James Davis - October 18, 2024 at 08:26 PM

TV

“ *Tucomi & Bill Vargo purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Kerry Lee Baugher Sr..*



Tucomi & Bill Vargo - October 18, 2024 at 05:56 PM

ZK

“ *Zimmer's, Benway's and Konya's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kerry Lee Baugher Sr..*



Zimmer's, Benway's and Konya's - October 18, 2024 at 04:01 PM

SM

“ *Coach Baugher was very instrumental in my basketball career and overall life. He provided lessons on and off the court that has stuck with me my entire adulthood. He is definitely on my list of adults who provided support, love and guidance that helped shape the woman that I am today. May my favorite basketball coach rest in heaven!!!!*

*Shanea Campbell Mays* 📄📄📄📄

Shanea Mays - October 18, 2024 at 03:49 PM

TS

“ *Mr. Baugher was a great coach and teacher, the best in my opinion. His upbeat and positive personality seemed to rub off on everyone he came into contact with. He made you feel like a friend which seems to be a rare quality in most people today. I find myself quoting his words throughout my life. I always enjoyed picking his brain because he was wise in a wide range of topics, especially sports, history and hunting. Coach Baugher will truly be missed by many and my prayers go out to his family in their time of grief.* ”

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**Tim Slapinski** - October 18, 2024 at 02:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kerry Lee Baugher Sr..* ”



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October 18, 2024 at 02:00 PM

LK

“ *Love, Vivian Kerley purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kerry Lee Baugher Sr..* ”



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**Love, Vivian Kerley** - October 18, 2024 at 01:01 PM

BF

“ *Britny Franklin and Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Kerry Lee Baugher Sr..* ”



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**Britny Franklin and Family** - October 18, 2024 at 10:05 AM

PC

“ Mr. Baugher was my (brave) Driver's Ed teacher. I remember him being kind and gentle. I pray his family will have peace and is comforted, as only God can give. 🙏  
Patricia "Childers" Cromwell

Patricia Childers Cromwell - October 18, 2024 at 10:01 AM

MM

“ He was my teacher and coach . Under his guidance, we played baseball and basketball to our fullest abilities. I left Tamms when I was fifteen, but his lessons still stay with me. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Michael McNeilly

Michael McNeilly - October 17, 2024 at 11:16 PM

LS

He was my drivers education teacher and was always available he told everyone that I laughed regardless of what was going on in the car may God comfort and give you peace 🕊

Linda Smith - October 18, 2024 at 02:53 PM

JM

“ J.L. Honey and Michael Murphy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kerry Lee Baugher Sr..

J.L. Honey and Michael Murphy - October 17, 2024 at 08:09 PM

JM

“ *J.L. Honey and Michael Murphy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kerry Lee Baugher Sr..*



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**J.L. Honey and Michael Murphy** - October 17, 2024 at 08:09 PM