



Kevin K. Gerlach

August 12, 1942 - October 13, 2016

Kevin K. Gerlach, 74, of Cape Girardeau died Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016, in Salem, Missouri.

He was born Aug. 12, 1942, in Cape Girardeau to Edward Martin and Louise Caroline Kirchhoff Gerlach.

The youngest of three sons, he was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church of Egypt Mills. He attended both College High School and Cape Girardeau Central High School, graduating in 1960 from Central.

He and Mary Ellen Blanchard were wed Jan. 27, 1963, in Cape Girardeau. She passed away Dec. 29, 2007.

Gerlach served his country in the Army and Army National Guard, was an agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance for 27 years, and drove for Enterprise Rent-A-Car for 22 years.

He was a faithful member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church for 53 years, serving in many roles, including the board of directors for Camp SEMO at Wappapello, and was very active in many other community organizations, including Jackson Trail Riders, Cape Jaycees, the Noon Optimist Club (charter member) and the Kansas City Barbeque Society (certified judge).

He enjoyed travel, motorcycling, trout fishing, camping and boating, always with family and friends; and never met a stranger, only new friends.

Survivors include a son, Keith K. (Lisa) Gerlach of Knoxville, Tennessee; daughter, Gail E. (Darren) Estes of Jackson; grandchildren, Pfc. Kohl Gerlach, USMC of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Leah Gerlach, Anna Estes and Gabriel Estes; loving friend and companion, Sharon K. Kirchhoff of Cape Girardeau; sisters-in-law, Mary Gerlach of Herculaneum, Missouri, Veroncett Gerlach of Cape Girardeau and Lisa Davis of Chaffee, Missouri; and eight nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brothers, Wendell Gerlach and Richard Gerlach; and nephew, Steven W. Gerlach.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, October 17, 2016 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau, with the Rev. John Dehne officiating. Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be given to the mission fund at St. Andrew Lutheran Church or to www.ALSA.org.

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

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1313
info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Service

OCT 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
804 N. Cape Rock Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

BP

“ Growing up as neighbors, I remember Kevin as a caring and humble person. He came from a family of considerate thoughtful parents and siblings. Our condolences and prayers go out to this wonderful and caring family.

Respectively,

Bill and Jo Palmer Family

Bill Palmer - October 27, 2016 at 06:32 PM

KS

“ Our deepest sympathy to you all. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this difficult time. T Gale and Katherine Seabaugh

Katherine Seabaugh - October 17, 2016 at 10:39 PM

JA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Kevin was a great person. I remember a lot of late night events and games and having some really early breakfasts at our house.

He will be deeply missed.

Jean Aslinger

Jean Aslinger - October 17, 2016 at 04:19 PM

SB

“ I did not know Mr. Gerlach, but I happen to be camping at Montauk at the time of his accident. He truly sounds like someone my friends and family would have loved to go trout fishing and camping with!!!! It was a very sad day at the campground even though we did not happen to know this, who sounds to be, a great man!!!! Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Sonya Bahr

Sonya Bahr - October 17, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kevin K. Gerlach.



October 16, 2016 at 11:04 PM

DI

“ I wish that I had the words and I would say away your sadness. As a former neighbor of the Gerlach famy I have only wonderful memories . Kevin was quite simply a kind man and I have no doubt he will be missed by all. God bless and keep you all today....tomorrow....and always.

Diane Buckley-Pearson

DianeBuckley-Pearson - October 16, 2016 at 10:12 PM

JB

I went to school with Kevin in Cape. Even though I have lived in NJ for many years, I recently saw Kevin at my mother's, my brother's, and Kevin's brother's funerals. I will always remember him as a kind man who had a ready smile for everyone--just like in his picture here. My condolences to the Gerlach family.

JeanAnn Daume Brown

Jean Ann Brown - October 28, 2016 at 10:08 PM

HA

“ Dear Gail, Darren, Anna, and Gabe,

We are so sorry for your loss. Sending love, thoughts, and prayers to you and your family during this time. Praying for peace and comfort for you all.

*We love you,
Hayley and Gary Wang*

Hayley - October 16, 2016 at 10:03 PM

MC

“ Dear Gail and family and Sharon,
There are simply no words to share at a time like this in your lives. The loss of Kevin in all our lives will be with us for years to come. Such a special man to so many. Peace and comfort to you all as you make this journey. God bless you.

Marlene Cloude - October 16, 2016 at 03:27 PM

GE

Though many miles and years separated us, I still thought of Kevin as one of my best friends dating back to grade school days. A trip back to Cape was not complete without a visit with the Gerlach boys. My deepest sympathy to Keith, Gail, Sharon and the entire family. May the good memories sustain you in the days to come.

*Gary Ervin
Modesto, CA*

Gary Ervin - October 18, 2016 at 05:17 PM