



## Leon Parker Ainsworth

February 3, 1923 - April 6, 2019

Leon Parker Ainsworth 96, of Cape Girardeau Missouri passed away April 6, 2019, at Chateau Girardeau, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He was born February 3, 1923 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri son of James Albert and Cora Mae Parker Ainsworth. He and Allene Edna Siemers were married January 30, 1944 at Trinity Lutheran Church by Reverend F.H. Melzer. Leon was confirmed and received membership into Trinity Lutheran Church by Reverend F.H. Melzer on April 17, 1947.

Most of Leon's life was spent in Cape Girardeau.

Leon was inducted into the Army Air Force to serve in WW II on January 13, 1943 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He was honorably discharged on February 19, 1946. Leon later joined the US Naval Reserve on May 23, 1947 and was placed on active duty August 10, 1950 and assigned to Great Lakes Illinois. He was later assigned to serve on the USS Leyte during the Korean Conflict. Leon was released from active duty October 9, 1951 and received his honorable discharge on May 22, 1952.

Upon return from the service he began his career as a carpenter. He opened his own business as Ainsworth Floor Covering and went on to have a successful career until he retired in 1986. Leon was an avid fisherman. He and Allene loved to travel and fish. They made many lifelong friends while

traveling. Leon had many other hobbies, he and Allene made beautiful quilts and he loved to paint and build. Leon was an active member in his church serving in the Men's Club, usher, Boy Scouts and other positions.

Loving survivors include his wife and companion for over 75 years:

Two sons Lynn Paul (Charlotte) Ainsworth of Foley, Alabama, David Leon (Teresa) Ainsworth of Honeoye Falls, New York, three grandchildren, Lee Ann (Randy) Brugger of Cape Girardeau, Aspen (Dan) Ainsworth-Rubin of Rochester, New York, and Austin Ainsworth of Honeoye Falls, New York; two great grandchildren, Staci Brugger of Cape Girardeau, and Ryan (Morgan) Brugger of Gordonville, Missouri; one step grandchild, Todd (Denice) Stitt of Rison, Arkansas; two step great grandchildren, Taylor and Drew Stitt of Rison, Arkansas; one great great grandson, August Brugger; one grand son-in-law, Roger Popp of Jackson, Missouri; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James Albert Ainsworth Jr. and by a granddaughter, Monica Popp.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 12, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Ford & Sons Funeral Home, 1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd. in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 13 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 100 N. Frederick St. in Cape Girardeau.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park with military honors conducted by the Missouri Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 100 N. Frederick St., Cape Girardeau, MO. 63701 or to the charity of your choice.

# 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

APR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

APR 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
100 N. Frederick  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

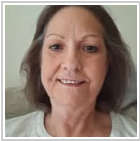
# Tribute Wall

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“ Leon is the father of my somewhat removed cousin and friend Lynn Paul. My first memory of Leon was when he installed a carpet in my bedroom about 1960. I really enjoyed pestering him with a lot of questions and he was nothing but nice. That carpet was still there when the house was demolished in 1990. A few years later when Lynn Paul and my other somewhat removed cousin, Tommy Siemers, were in College High School together and we were all in Mrs. Farmer's double quartet, we had a lot of fun for several years when Leon and Allene drove us in their station wagon to Columbia Missouri for music competitions, and mostly managed to keep us out of trouble. Leon is woven into the fabric of my life and now I feel a little tattered.

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**Terry Keller** - April 11, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ Leon will be missed dearly. It was n honor taking care of him. Always had a smile and a hug for me. Thank you for your service Leon, fly high my friend until we meet again 🕊️

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**Wendy Benson** - April 10, 2019 at 06:28 AM