



## Lester "Junior" Conway

September 15, 1953 - January 16, 2025

Lester "Junior" Conway, 71, died at home of natural causes on January 16, 2025. Lester was born in Little Rock, Arkansas to Lester K. Conway and Ellouise Boyd Conway. He grew up in Little Rock and Cape Girardeau. He graduated from Cape Central in 1971. Soon thereafter he met the love of his life, Donna Emde Conway. They married in 1973 at St. Paul's in Jackson.

Lester attended Auto Diesel in Nashville and worked at Ford Groves. He also worked at Lynch's Fire Protection and at Coad Chevy. After retirement, Lester continued to be busy. He loved to talk to people and never met a stranger. He cared for his home, his neighborhood and helped keep the local park clean on a very regular basis. He was compassionate about other people and cared to make sure everyone had the things they needed. He was carefully thoughtful to put himself in other people's shoes so he could understand what they were feeling. He enjoyed spending time with friends at the VFW, monitoring the activities of Cape Girardeau's Finest on his scanner, writing in his journal every day, and reading. He was a loving and fun uncle. His nieces remember him driving them on motorcycles, camping, canoeing and playing pool. He loved his dog Mandy. He loved cars fiercely, especially Ford, and frequented mud races. Lester's friends, neighbors and family remember him being supremely honest, forthright, dignified and wearing a cloak of integrity. You never wondered if Lester was on your side. He always was.

Lester leaves behind his wife Donna, who loved him with all her heart. He is also survived by his brother Tim (Lisa), nieces Kimberly, Kelly, Stephanie, Tanya, Diana and nephew William.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Shirley, his brother Michael and his beloved nephew Tyler.

Visitation will be 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday, January 20, 2025 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

A graveside service will follow at 12:00 pm Monday at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Carl Palmer officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 12:00 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/>

## Graveside Service

JAN 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum  
2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

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“ Donna, I just found out that Lester passed away. I'm so sorry to hear that. Hopefully he and my dad are reunited in heaven and raising hell together again!

*Bryan Copeland*

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**Bryan** - February 02, 2025 at 07:08 PM



“ Oh, Donna, I was so sorry to hear of Lester's passing. I'm keep you and your family in my prayers.

*Sue Sanders*

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**Sue Sanders** - January 20, 2025 at 07:44 AM

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“ I have so many good memories of time spent with Junior through his friendship with my younger brother Dan. They both graduated from Central in 1971. I never me a finer person or more loyal friend. He will be missed!

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**Thomas Brown** - January 19, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lester "Junior" Conway.

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January 18, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Lester "Junior" Conway.*



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“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lester "Junior" Conway.*



January 18, 2025 at 11:24 AM



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January 18, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ *Donna and Lester's family , we are sorry to hear of Lester's passing. He was a great guy. Always had a smile on his face and was genuinely glad to see you. Heaven definitely gained another angel.*

Janet (Cox)Hahn and Jerry Hahn - January 18, 2025 at 08:43 AM