



## Lynn VanMatre

March 19, 1930 - February 10, 2019

Lynn VanMatre, 88, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Sunday, February 10, 2019 at Chateau Girardeau Health Center.

He was born March 19, 1930 in Saint Louis, Missouri to Herbert A. and Ruth Herrick VanMatre.

He and Donna Schroeder were married August 1975 at Saint Louis, Missouri.

He served two years in the Army.

He was a graduate of Beaumont High School in 1948. He was also a graduate of Harris Teachers College with an Associate of Arts and University of Missouri.

He worked at Mercantile Bank in Saint Louis and owned Florrisant Dodge from 1975 to 1979. He then moved to Cape Girardeau in 1980, where he purchased the Buick dealership.

He was a member of Cape Rotary, Cape Girardeau Country Club and past director of MADA. He also was an avid golfer, Hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Donna VanMatre of Cape Girardeau; two sons,

Mark (Kim) VanMatre of Cape Girardeau and Scott (Carey) VanMatre of St. Charles; one daughter, Susan VanMatre of Columbia, Illinois; three grandchildren, Elise, Scott and Stevie; brother-in-law; and an uncle.

There will be no visitation.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ Donna my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Carolyn McCalister

Carolyn McCalister - March 06, 2019 at 09:13 PM

DP

“ My condolences to the family. Lynn was a likeable guy who drew respect from others. I worked for the VanMatres for 23 years. I was always proud to say so. We had a salesman who was the same age as Lynn, six months apart, and he always addressed Lynn as “Mr. VanMatre”. I still have a transistor radio and a little electronic clock that Lynn gave me. I have things I keep in cigar boxes he gave me. They are constant reminders. For most of us our legacy consists only of memories – for those who choose to remember.

Dan Phelps

Dan Phelps - February 16, 2019 at 05:47 PM

VB

“ Lynn will be greatly missed by all. To the family our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Vanden Brooks - February 14, 2019 at 07:26 PM

BP

“ Beverly Marks Prater lit a candle in memory of Lynn VanMatre



Beverly Marks Prater - February 13, 2019 at 10:40 PM

MC

“ I was fortunate to be a friend and partner to Lynn in the mid 70's. I feel we were family and shared many common interests. We played a lot of tennis and golf and I never forget how he changed his putter so he could stand behind it to putt. My condolences to Donna, Mark and family.  
Sincerely Marty Cancila

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**Marty cancila** - February 13, 2019 at 03:50 PM

CM

“ We are very sorry for your loss our prayer go with Mark and family.  
  
Sonny and Barb  
Homestead, Fla.

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**Charles Minor** - February 13, 2019 at 07:55 AM

RB

“ One of the finest men I have ever worked for. Mr VanMatre his wife Donna and the children are awesome people. May God Bless and wrap his arms around the family. Roy Blankenship

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**Roy Blankenship** - February 13, 2019 at 02:14 AM

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“ *What a great pleasure for me to have known Lynn VanMatre. He had a kind soul iwth a witty way. I got to know him late in his life but saw the kind-hearted, witty, charming man he was. We talked a lot about car and the love he had for them. I only wish I would have known him years ago when he was more vibrant and social.*

*I pray for Donna and his family as they deal with their loss. May God grant you peace and comfort during this most difficult time.*

*Kristi Nitsch*

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**Kristi Nitsch** - February 12, 2019 at 03:02 PM