



## Mark Steven Ervin

February 8, 1956 - July 11, 2018

Mark Ervin, former meat cutter for Schnucks', but most recent lazy man, passed away July 11, 2018, at home surrounded by family. He died as he lived, in dramatic fashion and without pants. He would have liked you to believe that he was still younger than 62 years old.

Mark was born in Cape Girardeau, MO on February 8, 1956 to Wilton and Edith Ervin, and was most assuredly an accident. Prior to the age of five, he had no idea what life was like due to a traumatic brain injury, which could only be described as a concussion that would make Evel Knievel proud. Through his time on this planet, he was able to develop close friendships with a group of gentlemen and their families from all walks of life, creating a group dubbed "The B.O.G.", which he would have had you believe stood for "The Boys of Girardeau". This was, in fact, a lie, as it actually stood for "The Burn Out Gang". He attended a few semesters at Southeast Missouri State University in the mid-to-late 70's, and was always eager to remind his children that, "When [he] was in college, it was \$125 a semester". Although he attended college, during this time, he was more celebrated for his ability to womanize and party, as he was a proud organizer of what he would affectionately discuss with others as the "100 Kegger".

On January 29, 1983, he somehow managed to convince Susan Ervin to marry him, in front of God and everyone, with a ceremony that consisted of

tuxedos that can only now be called “exceptionally 80’s”. Upon looking back at this day, many historians and archivists agree that the nuptials transpired solely due to a maneuver Mark would trademark as “The Dirty Dog”.

Most notable achievements in Mark’s life include on January 23, 1984 and December 7, 1985, standing in hospital rooms while his wife did all the work giving him two amazing children. Nicholas and Elizabeth would learn the joys of being an Ervin from a man who’s laugh was infectious, but also questionable due to its loud, snorting, and often inappropriate nature.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; his son Nicholas, along with his wife Melissa and their three children, Clark, Laurel, and a third on the way, name TBD; his daughter Elizabeth, who according to nephew Clark, will be “alone forever”; his older brothers Mike (Marion) and Willie (Beverly), and sisters Sue and Joy (Tom); along with numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by almost every person who ever lived on this planet, including, but not limited to Abraham Lincoln and John Bonham.

He will genuinely miss the taste of Crown Royal Special Reserve, over ice, and a fine, but not too expensive cigar, all while enjoying a round of golf, and yelling at the group in front of him for not playing “ready golf”.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, July 20, 2018 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

A graveside service will be at 10:00 am Saturday, July 21, 2018 at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau with the Brother Jim Cooper and Rev. Jeff Estes officiating.

In lieu of flowers, give to your favorite charities, spend time with friends and family, buy a round, and give a toast to the man, the myth, the legend, Mark

Ervin.

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

# 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

JUL 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Sue, Joy, Mike and Willie. I was very saddened to ready of Marks passing. I remember him as a child but have not seen any of you for several years. You may not remember me but I am your cousin from Piggott, Arkansas. Judy Huffman Moore. Your grandmother Ethel and my grandmother Myrtle Kendrick were sisters. My sister Jerri and I used to come spend a week with Aunt Ethel and Hazel ever summer. Willie, you met my daughter Becki at the cancer center. She related your visit with her and told me how you remember my Dad Roy. Just wanted you all to know that I have not forgotten you through the years and will always remember the Ervin family. Your Mothers beautiful singing and your Dads happy outlook on life are highlights for me. Remembering all of you an d Marks family at this time.

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**Judy Moore** - July 27, 2018 at 06:04 PM

CL

“ Dear Ervin family,

Mark and I grew up together on Perryville. Tom Fellows, Ronnie Fischer and I were always doing something. My family moved away 9th grade and Edna Ruth kept me up with the old neighborhood. I am very sorry for your loss - great obit. He was a great friend to me and my brother.

*Chuck Latham*

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**Chuck Latham** - July 23, 2018 at 12:25 PM

ST

“ Susan, Elizabeth and Nick, please know that you are in my prayers. Mark's life was a blessing to all who knew him and he will be missed for as long as there are those who take a breath on this earth. He fought the good fight, loved with his whole being and is now at peace and out of pain, resting in God's arms! I'm sure he will keep the angels laughing and rolling on the clouds, a sight I would love to see!

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**Sandy Jo Teeple** - July 20, 2018 at 08:02 AM

JK

“ I have shopped at Schnucks for years so I feel like I should know Mr. Ervin. His obituary was beautiful! It showed just how well he lived his life!! I will be pass on the gift of life in his memory by giving a donation to Birthright!

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**Jan Kelley** - July 19, 2018 at 03:03 PM

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“ I did not know the man but remember him from my many visits to the meat counter. I would like to say the obituary was such an amazing point about life. My condolences to the family but I would hope there are more smiles than tears when remembering him.

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**Nathan** - July 19, 2018 at 10:14 AM

JS

“ I don't even know this man, but after reading his obituary, I feel I have really missed out on a fantastic and really funny person. Bravo for a life well lived and even giving laughs from beyond the grave. All my love to the family.  
-Julie Stausing

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**Julie Stausing** - July 19, 2018 at 12:52 AM

JE

“ I did not know Mr. Ervin but his obituary made me smile. I'm guessing he would have liked that. He seemed to have a big personality, I like people like that. Can I have whoever wrote his obituary write mine one day?

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**Jennifer** - July 18, 2018 at 03:58 PM

CL

“ To the family of our dear neighbor Mark, known to us as "Merv" back in our college days- Apt G5 we send our thoughts and prayers. So many happy memories. Cindy Crabtree Leyva

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**Cindy Leyva** - July 18, 2018 at 03:41 PM

DP

“ What a great guy to work with and party with. His laugh and enjoyment of life was infectious. Mark will be greatly missed by all. Prayers for the family.

*Debbie Petty*

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**Debbie Petty** - July 18, 2018 at 03:14 PM

JH

“ I did not know Mark but after reading his obituary I truly wish I had. Your family is in my prayers over the loss of someone who sounds like he enjoyed life to the fullest.

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**Janice Ham** - July 18, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Steven Ervin.*



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July 18, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ *Susan,  
I love Marks obit. It is sooooo him.  
He was always so funny and your'e right , that laugh.....  
Sorry for the loss of such an amazing man.  
He has an incredible family!!!*

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**emily hagan** - July 18, 2018 at 12:41 PM



“ *Always a fun, nice guy. And a great sense of humor. Will miss him!  
Ralph Murphy*

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**ralph murphy** - July 17, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ *Sue, Joy and Tom, Willy and Sissy, Mike and Marion purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mark Steven Ervin.*



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**Sue, Joy and Tom, Willy and Sissy, Mike and Marion** - July 16, 2018 at 02:36 PM

SB

“ My thoughts and prayers continue for all of Mark’s family during this tender time. Mark was about four when I met the Ervin family in Cape. His sister Joy and I have been friends for many years.

Sheryl Buss - July 14, 2018 at 06:50 PM

CL

“ So sorry to hear about Mark. Ronnie always had so much fun with him in school and thought he was such a great guy. I enjoyed my years in Cape working with Mark at Schnucks. We are praying and thinking of you all. Cathie and Ronnie Larmie

Cathie j Larmie - July 14, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mark Steven Ervin.



July 13, 2018 at 10:09 AM

DR

“ We are so sad about the loss of our friend Mark. He was a wonderful person and will be missed greatly. Our prayers and hugs to all of you. Mark will be missed but not forgotten.  
Danny and Desma Reno

Desma Reno - July 12, 2018 at 11:04 PM

GJ

“ Sorry to hear your loss had fun bowling with willie and Mark for southeast bldgs supply. Lost touch wish I could be there. Gary job

gary job - July 12, 2018 at 05:46 PM

JS

“ *I thank you for our friendship and always looked forward to talking with you! Merv your positive attitude and smile will not be forgotten. See you on the tee box again someday.*

*Rest in Peace,*

*JJ Schulz*

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**JJ Schulz** - July 12, 2018 at 03:58 PM