



## Martin "Marty" Owen Niswonger

April 10, 1955 - January 20, 2026

Martin "Marty" Owen Niswonger

Was born April 16, 1955, to Mr. And Mrs. Chester Niswonger. He passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Marty was of the Christian faith and his family finds comfort knowing he is wrapped in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

He was a lifelong resident of Cape Girardeau. Attending Cape Central High School and graduating in 1973, he played football and ran track for the school. He met and married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Sample, April 20, 1975. He was a year older than her and they met when he failed his high school English class, he liked to joke that he wished he would have tried harder in English. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past year surrounded by family.

Marty worked for over 30 years at Kraft foods, earning the Salesman of the Year award over 10 times. He served as a volunteer on the police reserve and thoroughly enjoyed his time there. He had some great stories that he would share about his time on the reserve.

Marty's greatest joy was his wife, his daughters and his grandchildren, often taking trips and attending their sporting and dance events as his health would allow. His family always knew they could count on him to say something that would have everyone laughing.

Marty is survived by his wife, Nancy, of the home, his two daughters, Amber (Tim) Horrell, and Andrea (Glenn) Cutrell, his grandsons, Owen Horrell, Hunter Welker, Luke Horrell, Roman Savat, and Brock Savat and his granddaughter, Carolina Horrell. He is survived by his brother Dan (Alice) Niswonger and Tom (Flossie) Leggett and his sister-in-law, Shirley (the late Steve) Niswonger. His sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Fred and Susan Vincel. Many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Thelma "Pat" Niswonger, his in-laws, Gene and Ruth Sample, his twin brother, Steve Niswonger, his brother, Dale Niswonger and brother in law, Boyd Morton.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Thursday, January 22, 2026 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial service will be at 10:00 am Friday, January 23, 2026 at the funeral home with Pastor Alex Niswonger officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Owen Horrell, Hunter Welker, Luke Horrell, Roman Savat, Brock Savat, and Carolina Horrell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Connection Point Church or Salvation Army Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

The family wants to extend the greatest thanks to the staff at Elara Caring Hospice.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MD

“ I loved to visit with Marty when I sprayed his house he always had something to say about the news that was going on. He tell about the days he worked for Kraft he was a great friend and will be missed. Mike Dalton

Mike Dalton - January 26 at 05:43 PM

Tammy Lunsford

“ Tammy Lunsford lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" Owen Niswonger



Tammy Lunsford - January 24 at 06:45 PM

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“ Terry hinton class 1973

Terry Hinton - January 23 at 12:41 PM

MR

“ Much love, Paul, Dianne & Jackie Roth purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Martin "Marty" Owen Niswonger.



Much love, Paul, Dianne & Jackie Roth - January 22 at 01:55 PM

JH

“ I graduated from Cape Central with Marty. I will always remember his infectious smile and how kind he was to everyone. My sincerest sympathy to his family. Rest in Peace, friend.

Joan Howard - January 22 at 12:57 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" Owen Niswonger.



January 22 at 10:11 AM

YF

“ Your Alma Schrader Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martin "Marty" Owen Niswonger.

Your Alma Schrader Family - January 22 at 09:47 AM

YF

“ Your Alma Schrader Family purchased the Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" for the family of Martin "Marty" Owen Niswonger.



Your Alma Schrader Family - January 22 at 09:47 AM

EP

“ Dan, my condolences on the passing of your brother. May you and your family find peace. Ellen Neihart Parker

Ellen Neihart Parker - January 22 at 08:10 AM