



## Melvin Dean Lampe

June 12, 1932 - April 15, 2026

Melvin Dean Lampe, 93, of Jackson, Missouri died Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at Mercy Hospital Southeast. He was born June 12, 1932 in Campbell Hill, IL to Theodore and Elenora (Rathert) Lampe.

Mel grew up in Campbell Hill, IL and graduated from Trico High School.

He and Rita Mae Wehrheim were married August 2, 1952 in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Mel, who served in the United States Air Force, was stationed in El Paso, TX until employment took them to Chester, IL and then Lancaster, CA, where they were members of Grace Lutheran Church and Mel's career spanned 35 years at McDonnell-Douglas as an Instrument technician and supervisor in Flight Test. They moved to Lexington Park, MD in 1965, until work moved them back to California in 1967. They moved to and lived in OFallon from 1972-1990, where they were members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. In 1991, they retired to Whispering Valley Lakes in New Haven, MO, where they were members of Trinity Lutheran Church. Mel and Rita moved to Jackson, MO in 2000, where they became members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, in Cape Girardeau.

Mel was a devoted husband and caretaker to Rita and great father. They were

faithful servants in the church family's where they attended. Melvin and Rita loved family and extended families, and cherished many friendships through the years of travels and work. Mel enjoyed various hobbies including photography, electronics, and landscaping.

Survivors include daughter, Pam (Randy) Kluesner of Cape Girardeau, MO; son, Jeff (Veronica) Lampe of St. Ann, MO; brother, Leonard Lampe; two sisters, Darlene Kraft, Loretta Luedeman; sister-in-law, Donna Parker; many loved grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by wife and parents; two brothers-in-law, Danny Kraft, Wayne Luedeman; sister-in-law, Arlene Lampe.

Visitation will be 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, April 17, 2026 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Visitation will continue 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Wilson's Funeral Home in Steeleville, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 am Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Wilson's Funeral Home in Steeleville, IL. Burial will be at Paradise Cemetery in Bremen, IL.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Andrew Lutheran Church or Saxony Lutheran High School.

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

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Paradise Cemetery

Bremann  
Bremann, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

APR 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Inactive - Wilson Funeral Home

## Funeral Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM.

Inactive - Wilson Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear neighbor we first met at the mailbox in 2010.  
I enjoyed seeing you as well passed each other.  
I was happy when you waved at me.  
My prayers are with your love ones for I know they  
Are missing you.  
GOD BLESS



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**Marie Newman** - April 17 at 07:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Melvin Dean Lampe.



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April 17 at 02:11 PM

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“ *Brad & Edith* purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Melvin Dean Lampe.



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**Brad & Edith** - April 16 at 12:40 PM

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“ *The Celano's Crew purchased the Full Heart for the family of Melvin Dean Lampe.*



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**The Celano's Crew** - April 16 at 09:13 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Melvin Dean Lampe.*



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April 15 at 11:36 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melvin Dean Lampe.*

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April 15 at 11:36 PM

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“ *Truman and Jenna Gosling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Dean Lampe.*

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**Truman and Jenna Gosling** - April 15 at 08:49 PM

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“ *Truman and Jenna Gosling purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Melvin Dean Lampe.*



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