



Ray Southard

April 11, 1940 - December 8, 2021

Ray Southard, 81, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed away Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at his home.

He was born April 11, 1940 in Cape Girardeau to Herman R. and Roberta Gross Southard. He graduated from Patton High School in 1959.

Ray owned and operated Cape United Auto since 1960. He was a member of Masonic Lodge Excelsior #441 in Jackson, Missouri. He was also a member of the Cape Jaycees.

Ray was passionate about his antique show cars. He was a member of the International Ford Retractable Club since 1975 serving on the judging committee at times and winning countless national awards for his cars. For several years he was also a member of the Capaha Antique Car Club.

Ray touched many lives as sponsor to countless AA peers over the years mentoring and assisting them in their journey.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen R. (Julie) Southard and Daniel R. (Sara) Southard both of Cape Girardeau; two sisters, Helen Seabaugh and Cathy Coduti both of Jackson, Missouri; five grandchildren, Claire Southard, Eli Youngblood, Thomas Southard, Landon Southard and Katelyn Southard.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandchild, Hunter Southard.

Visitation will be 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 1:00 pm Wednesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Mike Woelk officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be given to Lighthouse for the Blind.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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

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

DEC **15**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC **15**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *With Distinction* was purchased for the family of Ray Southard.



December 13, 2021 at 07:40 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of Ray Southard.



December 12, 2021 at 11:02 PM



“ *Was one of many who were very important in my recovery. I have been sober for 35 years thanks to Ray*

Barbara Claunch - December 11, 2021 at 11:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ray Southard.



December 11, 2021 at 05:30 PM

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“ *Ray always had a smile and a friendly hello. Was sorry to hear of his tragic passing. Knew him for years. Would still see him occasionally at the local grocery store.*

Claude Sitze - December 11, 2021 at 09:15 AM