



## Richard Gerlach

October 9, 2013

Richard Louis Gerlach, 74, of Cape Girardeau, Mo. died Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau. He was born April 8, 1939 in Cape Girardeau to Edward and Louise Kirchhoff Gerlach second son of three brothers. He was baptized May 21, 1939 by A.H. Schmidt and confirmed December 28, 1953 by Pastor Koenig. He and Veroncett Mann were married June 14, 1958 at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She survives. Richard attended Juden 2 Grade School and College High School. He worked at Paul Armsby Phillips 66 Service Station in Cape Girardeau. For 37 years, he did pest control service for Cape-Kil Pest Control Company, having to retire because of heart problems and Parkinsons. Richard attended St. Andrew Lutheran Church, later going to Trinity Lutheran Church in Egypt Mills, Mo. He served as an Elder, usher, and a choir member. He enjoyed hunting, Beagles, horseback riding, and his dad's Ford tractor. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Veroncett Gerlach; three daughters and one son, Girada (Greg) Vines, Joleda (David) Moyers, Darris (Tina) Gerlach, Myra (Jason) McCormick; special friends, Mary Herndon, Chuck, Deana and Katie Todt; two brothers, Wendell (Mary) Gerlach of Hillsboro, Mo., Kevin Gerlach (Sharon Kirchhoff) of Cape Girardeau; eight grandchildren, Justin Vines, Jaime (Brad) Drum, Erica (Chet) Hindman, Jessica Moyers, Joshua Moyers, Darris, Jr. (Lisa) Gerlach, Ashton Gerlach (Derek Walker), Dalton McCormick; seven great-grandchildren, Dylan Monahan, Grant and Morgan Hindman, Oliver and Ivan Drum, Ziryn Walker and Lucas Richard Gerlach; mother-in-law, Juanita Riggs;

nieces and nephews, Karen (Paul) Pullman, Tracy Gerlach, Tim (Rene) Gerlach, Keith (Lisa) Gerlach, Gail (Darren) Estes; lots of cousins, including Michael Hahn who visited and helped Darris keep the lawn mowed and also brought fresh produce. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Gerlach, and a nephew, Steven Gerlach. Friends may call 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm Friday at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Saturday at 3:00 pm at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with the Rev. Barry Pfanstiel officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery in Egypt Mills. Pallbearers will be grandsons and grandsons-in-law. Memorial contributions may be given to Egypt Mills Trinity Lutheran Church.

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss of Richard. I pray a legend of Angels will continue to surround the entire Gerlach family. Peace be with you!

Belinda Lynn-Idol - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Sorry for your loss my prayer are with you and your family mary

mary mann grimsley - December 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Gerlach was our Cape Kill rep. and a friend. He did an excellent job and was always a joy to be around. His friendliness and sincerity was always apparent when he visited us. He was a dedicated employee and we have never had anyone that did as good of job as Mr. Gerlach. Most importantly, he loved his family as he shared many stories with us during his visits, which made it very clear his family was very dear to him. Bless you all and I pray God gives you comfort during this time of loss. Sincerely, Greg & Linda Illers

Greg & Linda Illers - November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ You all have my deepest sympathy. Richard was one of the nicest people in high school and as a adult he was a great person. I know he will be greatly missed My prayers are with you all Marge Smith

Marge (Monroe) Smith - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Veroncett and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I have many fond memories of Richard. He always had a smile for everyone!

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**Mary (Huffman)Burchyett** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ My dear Girada, my thoughts and prayers are & will be with you. I wish you & your family peace & love, and I wish your Dad God's Speed. Love you always.

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**Sheri Schrader - Turner** - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ God's blessings to Richard and his family. He was a great man. I always enjoyed talking to him. Peace be with the family in this time of loss. May you find comfort in knowing He is with our Lord.

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**David L Smith** - September 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM