



## Richard "Rich" Kogge

March 7, 1925 - December 30, 2017

Richard "Rich" Kogge, 92, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Saturday, December 30, 2017 at Missouri Veteran's Home.

He was born March 7, 1925 in LaSalle, Illinois to Vincent Anthony and Charlotte Ann Kogge.

He and Patricia "Trish" Sullivan were married October 19, 1957 at St. Michael Church in Wheaton, Illinois.

Rich proudly served in the Navy during World War II. He flew missions as a flight engineer and tail gunner on a PBM, primarily in the Mariana Islands in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

He was a graduate of Cape Central High School and attended Southeast Missouri State University and University of Illinois.

Rich's first job was working with his dad at Marquette Cement. Shortly after his Honorable Discharge from the Navy, he worked in construction in Anchorage, Alaska. Upon his return, he entered the land surveying profession, and soon passed the state exams required to become an independent registered land surveyor. After working for some years as a professional land surveyor in northern Illinois, he moved his family to his

beloved Cape Girardeau, and established Kogge & Associates Land Surveying. He was a superb draftsman who carried out his field work with extraordinary accuracy. He was tireless in the field, impervious to extremes of cold or heat, and displayed the agility of a cat in the bush well into his later years.

Rich was a loving, intuitive man who readily and enthusiastically shared life lessons in his own unique, lighthearted, and often hilarious manner. He delighted in playing his guitar and singing old country songs and 1940s pop jazz tunes. But above all, he was Papa. Nothing gave him more pleasure than spending time with his family.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

He was an avid fisherman and gardener. He prided himself on growing the biggest tomatoes in Cape Girardeau. He was also a craftsman at heart, and took up luthiery in his eighties. He constructed a total of six guitars, including two youth models for his great-grandsons.

Survivors include one son, Dennis (Noriko) Kogge of Seattle, Washington; three daughters, Mary (Scott) Richards and Dianne (Paul) Roth both of Cape Girardeau and Eileen (Tony) Spratt of Eureka, Missouri; sister-in-law, Mary Kay Sullivan of Cape Girardeau; ten grandchildren, Nathan, Justin, and Francis Kogge, Kate (Jared) Reeves, Megan (Mark) Frazier, Tricia (Lee) Hodges, Jacquelyn Roth, Ryan (Tabitha) Spratt, Kyle and Shannon Spratt; eight great-grandchildren, Josh, Luke and Andrew Reeves, Haddie and Amelia Frazier, and Abigail Moore, Delaina Beattie and Natalie Spratt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Donald Vincent Kogge, and, only one week prior, his loving wife of 60 years, Patricia "Trish" Kogge.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, January 13, 2018 at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Bobby Manso officiating. Full military honors will follow, provided by Missouri Funeral Honors.

The family encourages all attendees to join them immediately following the Mass for a luncheon to be held at the Parish Center across from the church to share memories and a few laughs about a man who believed that the secret to longevity was to not take life too seriously. He was, by all accounts, a most able and avid steward of this belief.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital or Missouri Veterans Home of Cape Girardeau.

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

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church  
1919 Ritter Dr.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our hearts goe out to the Kogge family on the loss of Mr. & Mrs. Kogge. We pray your wonderful memories will sustain you through this difficult time.*

*Pam & Woody Woodruff*

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**Pam Woodruff** - January 13, 2018 at 05:40 PM

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“ *DAVE KOGGE - NEPHEW purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard "Rich" Kogge.*



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**DAVE KOGGE - NEPHEW** - January 10, 2018 at 01:22 PM