



## Richard W. Volkerding

March 12, 1930 - October 13, 2023

Richard W. Volkerding, 93, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Friday, October 13, 2023, at Chateau Girardeau.

He was born March 12, 1930 in Cape Girardeau, MO to Robert C. Volkerding and Helen Gruenberg Volkerding.

On April 2, 1953 he and Marilyn Jane Wheeler of Sylvania, Kansas were united in marriage and created a loving home in Cape Girardeau Mo.

Richard attended Trinity Lutheran School and Cape Public schools where he later graduated from Cape Central High School in 1948. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and a member of the Church of Christ during the later years of life.

During the Korean war Richard served for four years in the U.S. Navy of which a year and half was spent aboard the U.S.S Kearsarge. He was a member of the V.F.W Post 3838 and American Legion Post 0063. Richard was employed for 34 years at Southwestern Bell Telephone company where he later retired in 1982.

Richard enjoyed sports and the outdoors. He played on both the baseball and basketball teams while in high school. He also played for two state

championship softball teams in 1957 and 1958. He loved hunting and fishing, fishing being his favorite. Whether it was crappie or bass fishing at Horseshoe Lake in Southern Illinois, setting trout lines for catfish in the Osage River or standing in the Current River at Montauk State Park fishing for trout, he enjoyed it all. Richard really loved to fish.

Loving survivors are his wife Jane of Cape Girardeau; three sons, Steven (Sheree) Volkerding of Cape Girardeau, Grant (LeaAnn) Volkerding of Jefferson City, Missouri, Robert (Kathy) Volkerding of Jefferson City; 10 grandchildren Michelle (Danny) Huesgen, Richard E. Volkerding, Tara (Gabe) Edwards, Jason Volkerding, Jack Volkerding, Ann (Ken) Nash, Amy (Bobby) Chin, Megan Cortez, Leslie (Dave) Chiles, Brian (Susan) Bloomer; 15 great-grandchildren, Lucas and Stella Huesgen, Braden Volkerding, Kobi and Jonas Edwards, Benton Conners, Alexianna and Giovonna Nash, Tyler Chin, Jhon and Sophia Cortez, Reece and Alex Chiles, Livia and Lucas Bloomer. Also surviving are extended and a host of friends.

Friends may call Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 10 am to noon at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel.

Funeral services will follow at noon at the funeral home with Jarod Skaggs officiating.

Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau with full military rites provided by Missouri Honors Team.

Memorial contributions may be given to Children's Homes Inc.

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

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



# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

OCT 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CP

“ To the family of Richard. So sorry to hear of your loss. I've known him for many years. I'll always remember Jane as Amy's 2nd grade teacher. Thoughts and prayers for you in the coming days.

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**Clairene Priest** - October 21, 2023 at 11:58 AM

KD

“ Mrs. Volkerding, Steve, Grant, and Bobby, please accept my condolences. I have fond memories of hanging around my Dad (Homer), Doc, and Henry. He had a great spirit and personality! Be Well, Kevin Dickmann.

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**Kevin Dickmann** - October 20, 2023 at 12:42 PM

VR

“ Jane, Bobby, Steve, Grant and families---Richard's passing is the end of an era for many of us cousins. Dick and Jane---some of my favorite cousins to spend time with so the memories are rich and special! Richard's delivery of the English language was so unique and is burned into those memories and my heart. My trips back to Cape are infrequent so I am heart broken that I didn't get to see ya'll in June while I was there after falling ill myself and spending time in the hospital there. Sending sympathy, love and prayers. RIP you special, special man and I'll see you on the other side!!!  
Vicky (Volkerding) Roundtree

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**Victoria A Roundtree** - October 17, 2023 at 01:51 PM

TN

“ Steve, and family, so sorry to hear about your dad, husband, and grandfather. He always put a smile on my face everytime I would see him out somewhere, and that voice of his-unforgettable. Oh, the stories him and my dad could tell about fishing! They were both great fishermen and brought home many many fish for dinner. I remember dad telling how Henry's mom didn't approve of my dad taking your dad fishing, because dad was a few years older. And they both shared the love of sports, especially baseball. Prayers for all of you during this time. What a great life your dad lived!  
Terri Hency Noland.

terri hency noland - October 17, 2023 at 08:15 AM

LB

“ Lacey & Patti Bernard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard W. Volkerding.

Lacey & Patti Bernard - October 16, 2023 at 08:09 PM

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“ Lacey & Patti Bernard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard W. Volkerding.



Lacey & Patti Bernard - October 16, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard W. Volkerding.* ”



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October 16, 2023 at 11:26 AM