



Richard Kent Withers

February 11, 1941 - January 8, 2016

Richard Kent Withers, 74, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Friday, January 8, 2016, at St. Francis Medical Center.

He was born February 11, 1941, in Cape Girardeau to Waldo Russell Withers, Sr. and Ruth Harrelson Withers.

He was a radio personality with WGGH, Marion, Illinois; WABB Mobile Alabama; WSGN Birmingham, Alabama; WMAK and WLAC, Nashville, Tennessee, and was the recipient of the Music Industry's Award of Excellence as the Program Director of WLAC.

He was a member and Second Reader at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Cape Girardeau and Belleview Masonic Lodge, Nashville, Tennessee. He held Bachelor of Science degree from Southeast Missouri State University.

Survivors include:

Son - David Lee Corbit, Conroe, Texas

Son - Devin Lee Corbit, Richmond, Texas

Son - Richard Kendall Withers, Yuma, Arizona

Brother - William Joseph Withers, Sr. Theodore, Alabama

Sister - Lindi Janes, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

3 Grandchildren, 1 Niece, and 4 Nephews and a host of Friends.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Waldo Russell Withers, Sr.

Mother - Ruth Harrelson Withers

Brother - W. Russell Withers, Jr.

Brother - James Keith Withers

Grandson - Alex Ray Corbit

Daughter-in-law - Nicole Deann Corbit

Visitation will be held from 11 AM to noon Saturday, February 13, 2016 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home.

A Masonic Service will be held at 11:45 AM Saturday, followed by a memorial service with Reverend SusanAnn Wilkerson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in his name to:
Shriners Children Hospital, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa FL 33607, and,
Southeast Missouri State University Scholarship Fund, 1 University Plaza MS
7300, Cape Girardeau MO 63701.

(For a living memory of Richard Kent Withers, google "Dick Kent Radio Personality" at WMAK and WLAC!)

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Masonic Service

FEB 13. 11:45 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

FEB 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MN

“ A great friend whom I loved dearly and will greatly miss. Millie Nygren

Millie Nygren - April 13, 2016 at 07:54 PM

ZC

“ Dick gave me my big break in 1974. He was programming WLAC in Nashville and brought me in to do nights on a station that reached 27 states and most of the Caribbean. I will always be grateful for him giving me my shot. Zen Cymbala (Air name: Bear Bradley).

Zen Cymbala - January 29, 2016 at 08:48 PM

BM

“ I worked for Dick at WLAC Radio in Nashville, Tennessee. He was always friendly and fair to me, and you couldn't ask for anything better.

I had just been inquiring about him no more than a month ago.

I was shocked and saddened to hear of his demise. He will be missed, especially by those of us in the broadcasting industry. He was a very talented individual. His presence would light up a room.

*Most sincerely,
Bill Massey*

Bill Massey - January 22, 2016 at 10:49 PM

DZ

“ Really sorry to learn of Dick's passing. We were in the same graduating class of 58. I worked at the Pla-Mor Recreation Center on Broadway when attending Central High School and there is where I have memories of Dick as he would come in to play a game of billards. He is a super nice guy and had a great personality. Everyone really liked Dick My prayers are with all of the family. May our loving God comfort you all during this most difficult time.
Don Zimmerman'58

Don Zimmerman - January 18, 2016 at 11:43 AM

AC

So sorry to know that Dick has left us. I have enjoyed being his friend for about 10 years, having met him in his activities with the Regional History Center and Dr. Frank Nickell. He was always fun, had great stories and a great morale builder. I am going to miss hearing all those great stories of his radio career and my personal updates on the ongoing historical preservation projects in Cape. We had a lot of great laughs and I will surely miss him.

Audrey Crafton - January 18, 2016 at 03:38 PM

RL

A 40 some year friendship... not always but many times three times a week a phone call going either East or West between California and Nashville, later Missouri. Then late last summer a personal visit to see my long time friend and now I look at his name in my contact list and I realize he's not going to answer, there's no one on the other end anymore. He will always be in my thoughts. I miss you my friend.

robert k lambert - January 20, 2016 at 05:44 PM

JC

just found out you passed a few years ago while looking for you today. I'm too late and very sad to here this. You were an amazing mentor and friend. Had an amazing voice over. Simply the best. Thanks for inspiring me. - Jamaal Jay Carter

Jamaal Carter - November 20, 2018 at 10:36 AM