



Robert Ross

December 11, 1956 - June 6, 2025

Robert Wayne Ross, a retired police officer and lifelong resident of Cape Girardeau, passed away on June 6, 2025, after a long illness. He was 68.

Rob was born on December 11, 1956, in Cape Girardeau to Robert F. Ross and Neva Kay Ross. As a youth, he was active in the Boy Scouts of America, achieving the highest rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Cape Central High School in 1975.

On November 26, 1982, Rob married Sarah Jane Maxwell at First Presbyterian Church, where he remained a member throughout his life. Their daughter, Mary Beth Ross, was born the following year.

Rob served with the Cape Girardeau Police Department for 34 years as a patrolman and evidence technician. Following his retirement in 2012, he continued to serve the community as a security officer at Southeast Hospital.

A man of many hobbies, Rob enjoyed hunting, golfing, and cheering for the St. Louis Cardinals. He had a deep affection for Labrador Retrievers and was a devoted caretaker to his dogs, Blue and Drake, who often accompanied him on hunting trips. He was also an active member of several Masonic organizations, including Eastern Star, Commandry, Masons, York Rite and the Order of the Amaranth, where he served as Grand Royal Patron.

Rob is survived by his wife, Sarah Ross; daughter, Mary Beth Ross; mother, Neva Kay Ross, all of Cape Girardeau; brother, Charles Ross of San Antonio, Texas; and sisters, Susan Ross and Elizabeth Ross, both of League City, Texas. He is also survived by seven nieces and nephews.

Friends may call 12:00 to 2:00 pm on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 2:00 pm Thursday, June 12, 2025 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Ellen Gurnon officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association and First Presbyterian Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

JUN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SN

“ Stephanie Nelson lit a candle in memory of Robert Ross



Stephanie Nelson - June 12, 2025 at 09:34 AM

KL

“ Kim Eixman, Lisa Burns, and Susan Long purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Ross.



Kim Eixman, Lisa Burns, and Susan Long - June 11, 2025 at 04:28 PM

KM

“ My prayers are with you all. I worked with Rob and his dad at Cape Police Department and grew up on Masters Drive with Sarah. May God grant his peace to your family.

Kimi Moore - June 11, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Ross.



June 11, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Ross.

June 11, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Ross.



June 10, 2025 at 09:00 PM



“ Your other mother....Sandy purchased the Crysta I Cross Bouquet for the family of Robert Ross.



Your other mother....Sandy - June 10, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ Don and Paula Stewart purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert Ross.



Don and Paula Stewart - June 10, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert Ross.*



June 09, 2025 at 11:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Ross.

June 09, 2025 at 11:15 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Marta Hamilton - June 09, 2025 at 09:19 PM



Very poor editor. I need to replace text

Marta Hamilton - June 10, 2025 at 01:20 AM



In 1979, Robbie's cousin, Steve Hamilton, and I were married. My father wasn't in attendance so someone volunteered Robbie to escort me down the aisle, and Robbie agreed. We've never forgotten this act of kindness and enjoyed getting together with him (and family) over the years. We will miss him. Our sincere condolences to Sarah, MaryBeth, Aunt Neva and the Ross family.

Marta Hamilton - June 10, 2025 at 01:31 AM

SD

“ I was heartbroken to hear about the loss of Robert. Please accept my deepest condolences.
Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Sending you love and strength as you grieve. May your memories bring you comfort in the days ahead.
Stacey Gessert Downs

Stacey Gessert Downs - June 09, 2025 at 08:43 PM

BW

“ There are so many memories I have from my childhood that include Rob and his entire family. His parents were very good friends of my parents and we all went to the same church as well. I will miss Rob. He was a good friend to my father and There were a lot of laughs when we all hung out. The entire Ross family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bethany Wickham-Wells - June 09, 2025 at 06:56 PM

RM

“ Rob M.
Rob was a great Brother in Law. I will miss him and his funny stories One of his favorite things to do was find me cruising as a teenager on Broadway on Friday nights and pull me over in his police car just for Fun.

Rob Maxwell - June 09, 2025 at 06:24 PM

JH

“ To Rob's family, I am sorry to hear of Rob's passing. I worked with him at Cape PD, we had some good laughs. May you find peace knowing that he is with Jesus and not suffering any more. God bless.

Janet Hahn - June 09, 2025 at 06:21 PM

JJ

“ Joyce & Joy lit a candle in memory of Robert Ross



Joyce & Joy - June 09, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Ross.



June 09, 2025 at 05:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Ross.

June 09, 2025 at 05:15 PM

KM

“ Karalyn Maevers lit a candle in memory of Robert Ross



Karalyn Maevers - June 09, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ We are all so very sorry to hear of Robert’s passing. Though we are many miles apart, we are sending so much love for all of you right now. Jim, Becky and Rachel (Nancy’s family)

Becky Potter - June 09, 2025 at 05:10 PM

BP

“ Becky P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Ross.

Becky P. - June 09, 2025 at 05:02 PM

HP

“ So saddened to hear of the loss of one of our Past Grand Royal Patrons of the Grand Court of Missouri, Order of the Amaranth. Our thoughts are with the family -- HL Sarah and HL Neva Kay, as well as his daughter Mary Beth. May he always remain "sweet in our memory."

HL Pattie - June 09, 2025 at 03:58 PM