



## Ronald L. Underwood

September 1, 1947 - April 27, 2022

Ronald L. Underwood, 74, passed away peacefully at home on April 27, 2022 following a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born September 1, 1947 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Albert and Lila Underwood. He and his great love Dana Denny were married February 4, 1995.

Ron was a 1965 graduate of Cape Central High School. After the National Guard, Ron began working for his father at Mid-South Steel Products. Once his father retired in 1987, he and his brother Sonny Underwood became co-owners of the company.

Ron had a great passion for the outdoors and took joy in his three favorite activities, which were hunting, fishing and golf. He looked forward to going to his beloved ranch and opening it up to anyone that wanted to join him for whatever hunting season it was. In the winter, he and Dana enjoyed traveling down to their home in Florida, where he would often start his day by riding his bike to his favorite fishing spot. Ron also enjoyed joining his golfing buddies for 18 holes whenever the weather permitted and even had a hole-in-one on three separate occasions. He was also known to have played 54 holes in a day more than once.

Ron's friends and family would describe him as a caring and generous man with a heart of gold and a witty sense of humor that made him someone that was always fun to be around.

The only thing that Ron loved more than the outdoors was his family. He loved spending time with his wife Dana, daughter Tracy and son-in-law Jason, but being Poppy to his two grandchildren Nicky and Hilary was his greatest joy. He could often be heard proudly bragging about them during casual conversations. Ron's soft spot for Nicky and Hilary even landed him in Disney World for a family vacation. After the vacation, he proclaimed that it was the one and only time that you would ever find him there, until they begged him to go again three years later...and he did.

He is survived by his loving family: his wife Dana, his daughter Tracy (Jason) Jumps; his brother Sonny (Cindy) Underwood; his sister Cathy (Walter) Matthews; grandchildren Nicholas Jumps and Hilary Jumps; many nieces and nephews and countless friends whose lives he touched throughout the years. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Staci Underwood, and his parents Albert and Lila Underwood.

Ron left many meaningful and happy memories for those who knew and loved him. His friends and family will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to their fullest, just as he always did.

Visitation will be from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Friday, May 6, 2022 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel. A Memorial Service will follow at 3:00.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1313  
[info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

MAY 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TR

“ Tracy & Ben Ritter purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Ronald L. Underwood.

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**Tracy & Ben Ritter** - May 06, 2022 at 02:53 PM

TW

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to Dana and the Underwood family.

*Blessings,*

*Todd, Donna, Lily Ward*

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**Todd Ward** - May 06, 2022 at 12:42 PM

DU

*Thank you Todd!*

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**Dana Underwood** - May 07, 2022 at 04:19 PM

CF

“ *Sonny and Cindy, Know that news of Ronnie's passing brought back many memories of the Underwoods from many years ago – great memories. I'm sorry that I never got the chance to meet Ron's immediate family. I send my sympathy for your loss, along with my belief that he passes to his next life along with many others who were friends and classmates back in our younger days. May you find peace in the description of the fine man Ron was that is reflected in his obituary. Sending you my love and peace in this time. In hopes that we may get the chance to see each other again...*

*Cory Foster*

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**Cory Foster** - May 05, 2022 at 04:08 PM

DW

“ *My dad, Dock O. Squires worked at Mid South Steel. I always went down there and played while my dad worked sometimes. Ron was my dad's dearest friend. My dad loved his friendship he had with Ron. Ron was such a wonderful person. I will never forget going down there and hanging out with my dad and Ron was always so nice to us kids. I will cherish those memories forever. I would watch the trains go speeding by, me chasing frogs and watching my dad and Ron stand around talking sometimes until it got dark. Then we would leave and they would lock that huge iron gate. Rest in Heaven, I will never forget the memories..My dad really loved Ron as his friend. Ron's family were beautiful people inside and out..RIH Debra Williams Squires*



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**Debra Williams** - May 03, 2022 at 12:25 PM

DU

*Thank you Debra. You had a wonderful dad and I know he and Ron are rejoicing in being together again. The flowers you sent to our house were so beautiful. Love to you and your sweet family. Dana*

Dana Underwood - May 07, 2022 at 04:19 PM

AS

“ *Anita Squires-Jones lit a candle in memory of Ronald L. Underwood*



Anita Squires-Jones - May 02, 2022 at 06:43 PM

AS

*Dear Underwood Family,*

*Words cannot express how sorry we are to hear about your loss. Ron was like a son to our father Dock Squires. They would go fishing and enjoyed being in each other's company. May he rest in heaven. You have our deepest sympathy. Love, The Squires Family (Anita, Valerie, Debra & Gwendolyn)*

Anita Squires-Jones - May 02, 2022 at 06:58 PM

DU

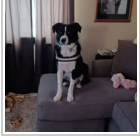
*Thank you Anita! Ron and Dock are having a great time up there in heaven together. And, yes, Ron thought the world of your dad! The flowers you sent to our house were beautiful. Was hoping I might see you at the funeral to thank you personally.*

Dana Underwood - May 07, 2022 at 04:13 PM

JS

“ *Remember Ron very well..Always a pleasant person to be around, very friendly*

john Sarff - May 02, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ PJ Keller lit a candle in memory of Ronald L. Underwood



PJ Keller - May 02, 2022 at 07:01 AM



Dana I am So Sorry & My Prayers are with You & Your Family

PJ Keller - May 02, 2022 at 07:03 AM

DU

Thank you Paula! 😊

Dana Underwood - May 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM

BS

“ I am a turkey hunter from Ky. that always showed up at Ron's ranch in April and was always made to feel at home. Ron was a genuinely all around nice guy, always concerned that we taken care of and had a place to stay. I will miss all those pre-dawn mornings over coffee and talking strategy for the days hunt. Rest in peace Ron and condolences to Dana and all Rons family.

Bruce Sneed - May 01, 2022 at 10:32 PM

DU

Thank you Bruce. Ron so looked forward to you hunting at The Ranch every year! Lots of good memories!

Dana Underwood - May 07, 2022 at 04:24 PM

EM

“ So very sorry to read of Ron’s passing. Dana, we will remember all the good times with you and Ron, filled with so much laughter and love.  
*David and Betty*

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**Elizabeth Michel** - May 01, 2022 at 08:47 AM

DU

*Thank you so much Betty! So many fun memories with you and Dave!*

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**Dana Underwood** - May 07, 2022 at 04:09 PM

RP

“ *My condolences to Cathy and the entire Underwood family.  
May Ron Rest In Peace.  
Ellen Neihart Parker*

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**Ruth Ellen Neihart Parker** - April 30, 2022 at 01:34 PM