



## Shawn Downs

February 16, 1973 - March 9, 2022

Shawn Aaron Downs passed away very peacefully on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 in Cape Girardeau. He fought a courageous battle with Glioblastoma cancer.

Shawn was born February 16, 1973 in Springfield, Illinois to John and Sherrie Downs.

He attended elementary school in Chatham, Illinois. After his family moved to Jefferson City, Missouri he graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1991. He was a student at Brigham Young University until he left to serve a two year mission in Argentina for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. His love of the Spanish language grew from here. He then returned to college and graduated from Maryville University in St. Louis, Missouri with a degree in Physical Therapy. For 15 years, he was the Director of Rehabilitation Services at Chateau Girardeau and then other assisted living facilities in the area.

On March 11, 2006, he was united in marriage to his loving wife, Krystal Kelley. He was devoted to his two daughters, Addison and Emmie, who he adored. He felt the most important job in the world was being a good dad to his girls.

He is survived by his wife, Krystal and his daughters; his parents, John and

Sherrie Downs; six siblings, Eric (Tracie) Downs, Christian (Julie) Downs, Amy (Alph) Wise, Melissa (Gordon) Shaw, Heather (John) Kampeter and Joshua (Jessica) Downs. He is also survived by his father-in-law, Mark Kelley; mother-in-law, Debra Kelley; brother and sister-in-laws, Laura and Nathan Bell and James and Casey Kelley; as well as 20 nieces and nephews. His wife's grandmother, Norma Kelley held a special place in his heart.

Shawn was a man of great faith and had an amazing relationship with the Savior. He was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He had a wonderful sense of humor and quick wit. Shawn loved all things that involved him in the lives of his two precious daughters. One of his favorite things to do was participate in a good activity that challenged him physically.

His Celebration of Life will be 1:00 pm Monday, March 14, 2022 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with Brother Clifton Gentry officiating.

He will be interred at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints or American Brain Tumor Association.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Chris and Eric,  
I am sorry to learn of the loss of your brother, Sean. If the services had been here, I would have come in person to offer my condolences. I hope you and the rest of your family find comfort in the happy memories.  
Sincerely,  
Jeff Holzem

Jeff Holzem - March 17, 2022 at 07:51 PM

JH

I meant to say Shawn, but my spelling is not great.

Jeff Holzem - March 17, 2022 at 07:53 PM

MM

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of Shawn. He was by far one of the best men our family has ever known. So kind and exactly the type of friend everyone should be lucky enough to have.

Mark & Lee Ann Miller - March 13, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shawn Downs.



March 13, 2022 at 10:00 AM

LA

“ *In memory of a life well lived. Created to love and be loved. Created to bring an inspiring, one-of-a-kind perspective to our world. Created to know and love the One who gave him life and to live forever in His presence...forever in His love.*

*I am thankful for his life well- lived, and am praying for strength and comfort for all of Shawn's family and friends.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Larry Anderson*

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**Larry Anderson** - March 12, 2022 at 09:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shawn Downs.*



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March 12, 2022 at 08:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shawn Downs.*



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March 12, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shawn Downs.*



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March 11, 2022 at 09:49 PM

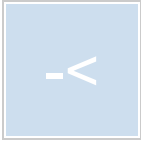


“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shawn Downs.*



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March 10, 2022 at 11:16 PM

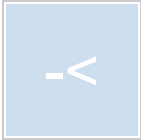


“ - *Your Pursuit Volleyball Family <3 purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Shawn Downs.*



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- **Your Pursuit Volleyball Family <3** - March 10, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ - *Your Pursuit Volleyball Family <3 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shawn Downs.*



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- **Your Pursuit Volleyball Family <3** - March 10, 2022 at 03:44 PM