



## Sidney S. Sommers

September 21, 1923 - August 5, 2018

Sidney S. Sommers, age 94, of Cape Girardeau, went home to his Lord Jesus on August 5, 2018. He was born September 21, 1923 in Bronx, NY to Jacob and Martha Horwitz Sommers. He is survived by wife Nina, son Patrick (Barbara) Sommers of Bluffton, SC, daughter Sara Sommers of Cape Girardeau, and granddaughter Whitney Sommers (John) Nelson of Crystal, MN, as well as several nieces and nephews.

After graduating 1942 from Hillhouse High in New Haven, CN, he joined the Army Air Corp. He was later deployed to Harris Field in Cape Girardeau for flight training. There, he met the love of his life, Nina Young, a graduate of Ilmo High School, who was serving the war effort as an airplane mechanic. They were married in Valdosta, GA on June 14, 1944. While aboard a ship en route to invade Japan, an effort forecasted to cost 1 million U.S. casualties, Japan's surrender resulted in his 6-month post-war deployment to Manila.

Returning to Cape Girardeau in 1946, Sid vowed to make it a permanent home, never to uproot his family. He worked at various jobs including Suedekum Hardware, Missouri Utilities, before embarking upon his career in the life & health insurance business. He sold individual insurance, group and pension plans, also hired & trained agents, for various companies including Aetna, Old American, General American, and (Dale) Davault Insurance, before opening his own brokerage firm. He earned Life Underwriter Training

Council professional designation, then volunteered his time to teach the courses to others. Many in the area knew "Mr. Sommers" who sold Medicare supplements to themselves or their parents, well into his 70's, and would happily handle the paperwork maze of Medicare claims for his policyholders.

Sid and Nina joined Centenary United Methodist Church in 1947. There he served faithfully in many capacities, including MYF leader, Lay Witness Chair, and the seed committee which launched LaCroix United Methodist Church. He and Nina were charter members of the Sunday School Clipper Class.

His contributions to the community included coaching Little League, a weekly auxiliary volunteer at Southeast Hospital, and serving as an elected ward committeeman. Quite often his efforts were individualized, offering help of any kind that someone needed, as he lived out his faith daily. Sid was an avid fan of baseball, in childhood the New York Yankees, and later the St. Louis Cardinals. He was a lifelong, consummate fisherman.

All who knew Sid and Nina regarded them as an exemplary example of a loving, Godly marriage. Faithful always, Sid never wanted to spend a night away from Nina, refusing company reward trips and training courses, unless he could pay extra to bring her along. They were inseparable until 2015, when Nina was forced to live in memory care. Despite battling final stage prostate cancer, he visited her faithfully every day until the last month of his life, always with her happiness and comfort his most important goals. He lived his life, as did so many of his age, in a way that earned the label, "The Greatest Generation".

Visitation will be Thursday, August 9, 2018 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel. Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 10 at the funeral home with Pastor Eric Coher officiating. Burial will be at Lorimier Cemetery in Cape Girardeau with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Centenary United Methodist Church, Cape Bible Chapel, or Samaritan's Purse at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Lorimier Cemetery

835 Caruthers  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

AUG **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sidney S. Sommers.* ”



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August 08, 2018 at 11:27 AM



“ *Before Sidney got really sick I sat with him for a few hours to give Sara a break. He was a hoot that day watching tv and telling me what the game show answers was. He was a good man and though I didn't know him well he did make an impact on me* ”

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**Maria Grindstaff** - August 07, 2018 at 06:14 PM

JD

*Sara, you are in my prayers. Heaven has another wonderful man and I know you are missing your dad. With loving prayers, Jane Rader DeBoe*

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**Jane Rader DeBoe** - August 08, 2018 at 02:23 PM

SS

*Thank you so much, Jan! We so appreciate your prayers!!*

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**Sara Sommers** - August 13, 2018 at 08:57 AM

SS

*Dear, dear Maria! Thank you for all your support & prayers!*

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**Sara Sommers** - August 13, 2018 at 08:58 AM

BS

“ I remember your Dad and Mom from the Clipper Class at Centenary Church. Pat, your Dad took us to Lewallen Boy Scout camp in his Buick. It was the first year you went to camp. Your Dad had a wonderful sense of humor. It was always fun to be around him. Our deepest sympathy to your family. May God support you during your time of bereavement.



*Bill Stone*

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**Bill & Jan Stone** - August 06, 2018 at 07:41 PM

SS

*Thank you, Bill & Jan, for your remembrance here and kind words!*

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**Sara Sommers** - August 13, 2018 at 08:57 AM

RW

“ Sara, you and your family are in my prayers. I last saw your parents at a doctor's office around 2011. Your parents are two of the people that I remember from Centenary Methodist from the 1950's. Your father shared a memory of his with my father, John Heimbaugh. They sold church chili supper tickets together. It is so true that your father was one of "the Greatest Generation". May your Christian faith comfort you.

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**Rita Heimbaugh Weber** - August 06, 2018 at 02:19 PM

SS

*Hello, Rita. It's great to hear from you, have often wondered about you, it has been so many years. Thank you for the wonderful memory!*

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**Sara Sommers** - August 13, 2018 at 08:56 AM



“ *A wonderful tribute for a wonderful man. Love and blessings to the family.* ”

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**Pattie Flora** - August 06, 2018 at 02:12 PM

SS

*Love you, Sweetie!*

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**Sara Sommers** - August 13, 2018 at 08:55 AM