



## Vester "Sonny" Keesee, Jr.

May 28, 1931 - May 19, 2016

Vester "Sonny" Keesee, Jr., 84 of Cape Girardeau, passed away Thursday, May 19, 2016 at his home surrounded by family.

He was born May 28, 1931, son of Vester Sr. and Ruby Lee (Carlton) Keesee of Scott City. They preceded him in death along with one great granddaughter.

He was a Marine veteran serving during the Korean War. Vester "Sonny" married his first love, Edna Dunn of Thebes, Illinois on April 21, 1951.

Vester "Sonny" was a life time ordained minister of the gospel in good standing, a man the Lord greatly used for his service and never wavered from his call to Christian ministry. He was a friend to everyone who met him. He pastored several churches in Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois. Sonny also worked at the Florsheim Shoe Factory, WT Grant and retired from K-Mart. His favorite saying was, "keep looking up; the best is yet to come!"

Survivors include his wife; children, Karen (Joe) Garland of Patton, Cathy (Darrell) Hobbs of Jackson, Kenneth Keesee of Cape Girardeau; sister, Dorothy K. Young of Dallas, Texas; five grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and six great great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Ford and

Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with Rev. Jack Owens and Rev. Bill Carter officiating.

Visitation will be Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until the service.

Entombment will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum with military rites provided by the Missouri Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to the Disabled American Veterans.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 21.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (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)  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

PL

“ I remember going to revival's the most. His daughter Cathy was one of my very best friends and Karen too. Id love to see them. Love,  
*Penny Easley Long*

Penny Long - June 25, 2025 at 11:40 PM

AC

“ I am sadden to hear of Rev. Kessee's passing. My heart felt condolences to his family. He was a sweet man. I grew up going to the small church he preached at in Urbandale II.

april (thompson) Caballero - August 02, 2016 at 12:57 PM

CK

“ Cyndi Kassel sent a virtual gift in memory of Vester "Sonny" Keesee, Jr.



Cyndi Kassel - May 21, 2016 at 06:57 PM

DB

“ You are in our thoughts in prayers.He will be missed. Great man of God.

Dennis & crystal Baker - May 21, 2016 at 05:57 PM

BA

“ He was a wonderful man of God. He was our Pastor in Urbandale III. He will be missed very much. He always had a smile on his face.

Baker - May 21, 2016 at 05:53 PM

DB

*This is Dennis & Crystal Baker*

**Dennis & crystal Baker** - May 21, 2016 at 05:54 PM

JS

“ *Sonny and my Dad, James McDowell (Mac) were acquaintances in church gatherings. Both loved the Lord - fond memories of the times I heard "Sonny" speak. He certainly loved His Lord. I know he is rejoicing in heaven with my Dad, Gerald Keampfer, etc. Praying God gives you comfort and guidance through the days ahead. it won't be long before we all meet again. Sorry, I can't be there.*  
*Jeannette McDowell Stone*

**Jeannette Stone** - May 21, 2016 at 09:53 AM

TK

“ *A wonderful human being... proud to have known him in human form and can't wait to see you again someday in God's kingdom. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every family member at this time.....Tammie Kassel and family (Cyndi, Peppie, Bill, & Elton)*



**Tammie Kassel** - May 20, 2016 at 04:06 PM

DE

“ *My coondolences to all of Sonnys family. I worked with him at K MART and he was such a sweet man that would help you with anything. And he never missed a KMART breakfast from what I hear. He is now in Gods hands and at peace. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

**Dee Enderle** - May 20, 2016 at 08:38 AM

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**Karen Garland** - May 20, 2016 at 07:03 AM



“ *I was thinking about Uncle Sonny just the other day. He always seemed so even tempered and patient. I will never forget when I spent the night with my cousins. He and Edna always made me feel right at home.*

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**Sandra Fann** - May 19, 2016 at 08:09 PM

DS

“ *Uncle Sonny was the sweetest, kindest man that ever lived. He always had a smile on his face and a word of God to share with you.*

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**Debbie Seals** - May 19, 2016 at 06:29 PM