



## Walter T. "Tom" Sieberg Jr.

October 25, 1949 - August 23, 2016

Walter T. (Tom) Sieberg, Jr., 66, of Cape Girardeau died Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center, after a brief illness.

Tom was born October 25, 1949, to Lillian Mae and Walter T. Sieberg, Sr. in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau. Throughout his years, he was also actively involved with the Freemasons, having held a 32nd Master Mason degree as well as membership in the Scottish Rite. He was most recently a member of Harold O'Grauel Lodge in Cape Girardeau and served as Secretary of the Frank S. Land Fund. He was also a past Master and spent additional time involved with the Shriners.

Tom received B.A., M.A., and Specialist degrees in Education – and coupled this with his lifelong love of music - to spend his years teaching scores of K-12 students band, choir and music appreciation. Over the years he was both a teacher and administrator, having worked in the Van Buren, Naylor, Bell City, Newburg and Sikeston school systems.

He excelled at playing most musical instruments. He first learned to play the piano and organ, followed by the trombone, tuba, saxophone, clarinet, trumpet, and guitar. In fact, he played for many church and civic service

organizations throughout his years, including piano for the Cape Veterans Home and various Senior Citizen Centers in Cape Girardeau and Jackson, as well as for the residents of Current River Skilled Nursing Center in Doniphan, where he was staying shortly before his death. He could play many songs on the piano and organ from memory and was always entertaining - holding himself to a high standard of musical achievement. One of his fondest memories was taking part in a Miami Super Bowl halftime show with the Golden Eagles Marching Band. His history as a music educator inspired countless others to never forget the power of a song.

He was incredibly fond of animals and had many treasured four legged companions (cats and dogs alike) throughout his life. He also loved to watch old Westerns, Elvis Presley, and listening to the radio - everything from 1940s swing music to Jazz.

He is survived by his daughter, Heather (Mark) Johnson of Doniphan and brother Randy (Cheryl) Sieberg of Columbia, Missouri as well as a number of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and friends including his long-time neighbor, Marty King, and his favorite feline companion, Miss Kitty, the Original California cat.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved Boston Bull Terrier, Baxter Brownie Sieberg.

If sending flowers does not fit your personality, Tom's family would encourage making a donation to your favorite animal shelter or the Humane Society of Southeast Missouri, in memory of him.

Visitation will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. on Friday, August 26 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau, with a Masonic service at 6:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 27 at the funeral

home with Rev. Tom Sullenger officiating.

Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

# 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

**AUG 26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 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)  
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## Masonic Service

**AUG 26.** 6:30 PM (CT)

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## Service

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**AUG 27.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Tommy and I were best friends at May Greene School. Our mothers became friends too when they served as room mothers for our class. Tommy and I both loved to play Zorro ( a popular TV show back in the fifties.) Of course we both always wanted to be Zorro and argued over who had to play Sgt. Garcia. Vaya con Dios, Amigo.

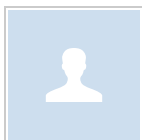
Patty Little - August 26, 2016 at 11:54 AM



“ Danny and Jena Payne purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Walter T. "Tom" Sieberg Jr..



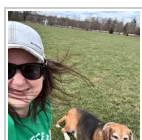
Danny and Jena Payne - August 26, 2016 at 12:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter T. "Tom" Sieberg Jr..

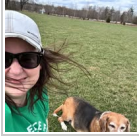


August 25, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ I found a story about the 1971 Golden Eagles Marching Band's experience at the Super Bowl - wanted to share: <http://krccu.org/post/golden-eagles-marching-band-goes-super-bowl#stream/0>

Heather Johnson - August 25, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ 13 files added to the album *Memories*



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**Heather Johnson** - August 25, 2016 at 04:01 PM

SJ

“ *I'm sorry to hear about your passing. My prayers go out to your family and friends. He was the best music teacher you could of ever had. He always made his class interesting and fun.*

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**Sylvia Asher Johnson** - August 25, 2016 at 10:44 AM

EF

“ *Ed and Nancy Fuller purchased the Love's Tapes try for the family of Walter T. "Tom" Sieberg Jr..*



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**Ed and Nancy Fuller** - August 25, 2016 at 10:01 AM

DZ

“ Dan and Jennie Zolnai purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Walter T. "Tom" Sieberg Jr..



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**Dan and Jennie Zolnai** - August 25, 2016 at 09:41 AM

NF

“ I had the unique pleasure of having Tom as both my music/chorus teacher in High School at Naylor, and my brother-in-law. His love for music and sharing it with people of all ages was lifelong. He was truly a gifted piano and organ player and loved his daughter Heather very much. My thoughts, prayers and sympathy are with Heather, his brother Randy and the rest of the Sieberg family as they deal with the loss of such an important person in their lives.

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**Nancy Fuller** - August 25, 2016 at 09:07 AM

TR

“ I sure hate to hear this. When I became a teachers aide at Meadow Heights Elementary he was the first principal I worked for. I had recess duty and had to take students in for discipline. Sometimes some of their excuses for bad behavior, I could tell, made him want to laugh. But he used his stern voice and did his job! And he loved his Snapple!

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**Toni A. Reed** - August 24, 2016 at 09:53 PM

SB

“ I taught school with Mr. Sieberg in Sikeston. He taught my daughter and son how to play the piano. He was a great teacher and he touch so many lives. He went the extra mile and he spent additional time after school hours working with the students. He will be missed.

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**sheila branch** - August 24, 2016 at 09:34 PM

 Paula Clack

“ I'm so very sad to hear of your passing. Thank you for encouraging me in school and for always be willing to listen. R.I.P.....

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**Paula Clack** - August 24, 2016 at 08:55 PM



“ We have never met but we both were members of the Golden Eagles Marching Band with Mr. Mason in control of all those long hours of marching practices. Rest in the peace of Jesus Christ tonight.

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**Theresa DAuria** - August 24, 2016 at 08:49 PM

 Patricia Bonacker

“ Mr. Seiberg, was one of my favorite teachers. He was always encouraging and supportive of his students. My deepest sympathy to his family and prayers of peace.

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**Patricia Bonacker** - August 24, 2016 at 08:43 PM

DN

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He and I were in the Golden Eagles all four years, and shared many classes while pursuing our music degrees at SEMO. Like Tom, marching at the NFL Super Bowl in Miami (1971) was among the many highlights during college. I always enjoyed seeing Tom at several band activities during our first years of teaching. Our thoughts and prayers will go out to the family and his many friends.

*Dennis Nail  
Kennett, MO*

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**Dennis Nail** - August 24, 2016 at 08:37 PM

DQ

“ Rest in peace, Mr. Sieberg! You were an amazing band and choir teacher. Thank you! My prayers for your family! Debbie Dragon Quinnelly.

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**Debra quinnelly** - August 24, 2016 at 08:08 PM

TA

“ The Estal Agency purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Walter T. "Tom" Sieberg Jr..



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**The Estal Agency** - August 24, 2016 at 06:02 PM

SD

“ Steve & Rebecca Van Drimmelen purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Walter T. "Tom" Sieberg Jr..



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**Steve & Rebecca Van Drimmelen** - August 24, 2016 at 02:53 PM