



## Walter Westrich

June 18, 2010

Walter N. Westrich, 76, of Cape Girardeau, died Friday, June 18, 2010 at Chateau Girardeau Health Center. He was born March 13, 1934 in Cape Girardeau, the son of Nicholas and Anna Menz Westrich. He and Mary Jo Willett were married October 27, 1958 in Cape Girardeau. He graduated from Cape Central High School in 1952 before enlisting in the Army where he served during the Korean Conflict. Walter was a member of the Accapella Club, VFW Post 3838, American Legion Post #63 and the Knights of Columbus Council #1111. He was former Chief of Cape Girardeau Police Reserve, member of National Sherriff Association, Southeast Missouri Law Enforcement Association. He was also a member of St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church. Mr. Westrich was a former police officer with the City of Cape Girardeau. He then was employed with Ameren UE for 34 years, retiring June 1, 1994 as a journeyman pipefitter. Survivors include his wife, Mary Jo Westrich of Cape Girardeau; stepbrother, Robert Andrews of Illinois; four nieces; one nephew; and a Godchild; close friends, Don and Carol Koehler of Cape Girardeau. He was preceded in death by his parents. Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, June 21, 2010 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel. Parish prayers will be at 7:30 PM, followed by the Knights of Columbus Rosary. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church with the Rev. David Hulshof officiating. Burial will follow at St Mary's Cemetery with full military honors by the Missouri Honor Team.



# Tribute Wall

GB

“ We will miss an old dear friend.

Gene Brown - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Dear Mary Jo, I was saddened to hear about Walt. I am unable to attend the service, but please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God's loving arms surround and strengthen you and may your many wonderful memories bring smiles and happiness to your heart. Friends in Christ, Karen McClendon (Cape PD - Former Employee)

Karen Webb-McClendon - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Walt was a good friend and a great asset to Cape Girardeau. He served Cape in many ways and was always ready with a hand shake. I'm sorry I will not be able to attend his funeral.

Don Strohmeyer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I first got to know Walt when I started with the Cape Girardeau PD reserves. I remember Chief Westrich as a firm and understanding supervisor and officer. It was an honor to work with him. My sincerest condolences to Mary Jo.

Jesse Sproat - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Mary Jo, We were so sorry to hear about Walter and want you to know our thoughts are with you.

Andy & Jeanette Juden - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ I will always remember Walts smile and that booming voice saying "Hey little Lowes" no matter where we happened to meet. He will be missed. You are in my prayers Mary Jo.

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**donna young** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Walter was one of the finest men that I knew. His smile and his personality was contagious. He was always uplifting and the conversations we had were always exciting. He will be missed by many but his life and works will live on. We thank the Lord for Walter, a true friend. Bob Nations Family

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**Bob Nations** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Dear Westrich family, Please accept the heartfelt condolences of the family of Vernon Volkerding in Walt's passing. My sibilings and I will always remember him as a man of character and kindness who was a great friend of our Dad. May God bless and comfort you.

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**Jeff Volkerding** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Walter was my step-uncle. We had a very special connection. He always told me I was his favorite. Him and Mary Jo were my daughter Jennifers God parents. Our families spent many holidays together through the years. My husband Tom and I, along with our two daughters, Jennifer and Melissa will treasure the memories of our times together. He was a wonderful Uncle with a great sense of humor and a big heart...

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**Sherrie Weber** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM