



## William J. Gerecke

January 30, 1925 - July 24, 2020

William J. "Bill" Gerecke, 95, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Friday, July 24, 2020 at his home.

He was born January 30, 1925 in Gordonville, Missouri to Henry and Martha Lange Gerecke.

Bill served in the Army in World War II in the sixth army in the South Pacific and Philippines from 1943 to 1945. He was honorably discharged as a Cpl.

He worked and retired from Southwestern Bell.

He was a member of the VFW, Telephone Pioneers and BPOE (Elks).

He loved to play golf, pool, bridge and bowling. After being a golf pro he became the VFW pool shark.

He was a member of St. Mary Cathedral.

He married Elizabeth "Liz" Metje. They had four children, Robert, Douglas, Beverly and Michael. After Liz's death in 1991, he later married Sue Nauert in 2001.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Gerecke of Cape Girardeau; three sons, Robert (Nancy) Gerecke of Blue Springs, Missouri, Douglas (Loretta) Gerecke of Dexter, Missouri and Michael (Debbie) Gerecke of Columbia, Missouri; son-in-law, Willie Ervin of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Sue's four children, Jan (Ken) Bone of Polar Bluff, Missouri; Chris (Jay) Sheets of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Mark (Judy) Nauert of Whitewater, Missouri and Beth (Mike) Ross of Troy, Illinois; 11 grandchildren, Rob (Tabitha) Gerecke, David Gerecke, Bryan (Mary) Gerecke, Chris (Melissa) Gerecke, Sabrina Gerecke, Samantha (Jonathan) Simpher, Mark Gerecke, Julie (Chris) Drury, Meagan (Lyle) Riggs, Jessica Allred and Abby Ervin; eight step-grandchildren, Danny (Taryn) Bone, Sarah (Sheldon) Edmundson, Jordan (Lainey) Sheets, Emily (Garrett) Harrington, Nick Nauert, David Ross, Jeff (Chelsea) Ross and Trent (Courtney) Ross; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Elizabeth Gerecke; a daughter, Beverly Ervin; and siblings.

Visitation will be 9:00 am to 11:00 am Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau

Funeral Mass will be 11:30 am Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at St. Mary Cathedral with the Rev. Allan Saunders officiating.

Mask are required at visitation and mass.

Burial will be at Fairmont Cemetery in Cape Girardeau, with full military honors.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Mary Cathedral or Catholic Social Ministries Food Pantry (St. Mary Food Pantry).

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

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairmont Cemetery

835 Caruthers  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

JUL 28. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral  
615 William St.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ Sorry Mike & Debbie, Mark & Judy, Jay & Chris & families for your loss. Bill came to Dr. Mapes to get his dental work done. I think he may have bowled with my husband as well at Jackson. Never easy losing your father & step-father. Please accept our deepest sympathy.

*Dotty & Randy Gholson*

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**Dotty Gholson** - July 28, 2020 at 12:11 PM

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“ Nick, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love and hugs

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**Cecelia Crawford** - July 27, 2020 at 10:56 PM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss Sue. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family. (Judy Heitman)

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**Judy Heitman** - July 27, 2020 at 10:33 PM

DG

“ We are so sorry for the passing of Mr. Gerecke. Kent mentioned several times how much he liked Mr. Gerecke. I only knew him through your eyes, Chris, and from everything you told me about him, he was kind, gracious and considerate. I know he will be missed by many. Prayers for comfort and peace. Debbie Griffith

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**Debbie Griffith** - July 27, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ Dear family,

*I am so very sorry for your loss. Lord please hear our prayers/*



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**Susan O'Connell** - July 27, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ *Bill was a great guy who to me loved life especially Sue and the kids. He will be greatly missed. My prayers and thoughts are with the whole family. Love to all of you.*

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**Brenda Vanden Brook** - July 27, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of William J. Gerecke.*



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July 27, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of William J. Gerecke.*



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