



## William W. Keesee

October 13, 1942 - January 20, 2021

William W. Keesee, 78, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at his home with his loving family.

He was born October 13, 1942 in Cape Girardeau to Lawrence and Vivian McDaniel Keesee.

He and Kathleen Ourth were married October 26, 1963 at Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

He served in the United States Air Force from 1962 to 1966.

He retired from Ameren U.E. as a lineman.

He was an avid bass fisherman, fishing all over the United States. He was a member of Mossback Bass Masters, SEMO Lifesavers and Knights of Columbus #11205.

He was a member of St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Keesee of Cape Girardeau; two daughters, Connie (Wes) Drury of Kelso, Missouri and Cindy (Bryan Smith) Keesee of Jackson, Missouri; son, Bill (Heather Minton) Keesee of Jackson,

Missouri; three brothers, Lawrence (Mary Ann) Keesee of Vilonia, Arkansas, Mike (Kay) Keesee of Jackson, Missouri and Curtis (Kay) Keesee of Delta, Missouri; three sisters, Kay (Walter) Marshall of Jackson, Missouri, Paula (Pat) Suzuki of Cape Girardeau and Delores Bond of Scott City, Missouri; nine grandchildren, Michaela (Matt) Hayes, Maria (Michael) Branum, Kevin (Mikel) Drury, Kolbe Drury, Evan Keesee, Dylan (Carrie) Lang, Lilly Keesee, Alayna Smith and McKenzie Smith; and six great-grandchildren, Abigail Hayes, Alexis Hayes, Titus Branum, Aiden Drury, Benjamin Drury and Mara Lang.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau, with parish prayers at 7:00 pm.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Monday, January 25, 2021 at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Allan Saunders officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be given to Avenue of Flags, 1049 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO, 63703 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105.

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

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Parish Prayers

JAN 24. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

JAN 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

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



# Tribute Wall

DM

“ Sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Kathy and David Morris

David Morris - January 26, 2021 at 07:31 AM

DS

“ Dear Keesee family, so sorry for your loss. Bill was a good man and good neighbor. He taught our youngest son all about fishing and gave him the nickname, "Jake the snake"! We have fond memories of all of you. God surround you with His healing angels to comfort you. Love and prayers.... the Dan Seyer Family

Dan/Mary Seyer - January 23, 2021 at 01:05 PM

GK

“ So very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing, Billy. We will pray for comfort & peace for you and all of your family and his friends. -  
Greg & Kathy Kraemer

Greg & Kathy Kraemner - January 23, 2021 at 09:29 AM

JG

“ Bill was always a fun guy at Ameren who LOVED fishing! He and Kathleen made a great couple!

Jackie Griffith - January 22, 2021 at 03:27 PM

JH

“ Kathleen and family, my sincere condolences, Bill was one great friendly guy, even if he saw me before I saw him, he always made sure to say HI.

Jeanne Cox Holstein - January 22, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William W. Keesee.*



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January 22, 2021 at 08:15 AM



“ *So many memories I could never list them all. You could never ask for a better brother, as all of my brothers and sisters are all great. Lots of great memories. Best memories with brother Bill were out on the lake fishing.*

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**Michael Keesee** - January 21, 2021 at 08:02 PM