



William E. Port Jr.

January 7, 1931 - March 3, 2020

William E. Port Jr., 89, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Southeast Hospital.

He was born January 7, 1931 in Springfield, Illinois to William E. and Mary Lou Persons Port.

He and Barbara Genuit were married October 20, 1956 at Clayton, Missouri. She preceded him in death on June 16, 2014.

He was a graduate of Normandy High School in Normandy, Missouri in 1949. He received his BA from Washington University in 1953.

He served in the United States Navy in Norfolk, Virginia from 1954 to 1956.

He was a resident at Chateau Girardeau for the past 14 years. As a member of First Presbyterian Church, he was involved in the planning and building of The Chateau. He served as President of the Board of Directors, President of the Residents Council and served on several committees.

In earlier years Port was director of Training and Employment at the Alton Box Board in Alton, Illinois; Director of Personnel at International Shoe in Saint Louis, Missouri and Clinic Administrator at Internal Medicine Group in Cape

Girardeau, Missouri.

He was an Elder at First Presbyterian Churches both in Alton, Illinois and Cape Girardeau. He was a member of the choir and Youth Group leader.

Port served as President of Cape West Rotary Club, District Governor Rotary Dist. 6090, President of the Board of Directors, American Red Cross, United Way Agency Review Committee and many other community service activities.

Survivors include his one daughter, Elizabeth "Betsy" (Mark) Mueth of St. Charles, Missouri; one son, William S. (Linda) Port of St. Louis, Missouri; two granddaughters, Emily Ann (John) Cody and Marcella Lynn (Tim) Forck; seven great-grandchildren, Jacob, Ethan and Kallie Kovach, William Cody, Delilah, Amelia and Felicity Forck; sister-in-law, Kathy Port of Saint Louis, Missouri; three nephews; and two grand-dogs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and brother, Robert P. (Evah) Port.

Memorial service will be 10:30 am Saturday, April 2, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Ellen Gurnon officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to First Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau or Chateau Girardeau Foundation, 3120 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63703.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
PO Box 477
Cape Girardeau, MO 63702

Tribute Wall

EL

“ Bill, I was looking forward to seeing you in person and telling you of the special place I hold in my heart for your dad. Despite ill health or discomfort, he never complained and always had a clever remark and mischievous twinkle in his eye. I always enjoyed seeing him at the Chateau and will genuinely miss him. Blessings to all of you as he joins his beloved Barbara.

Elizabeth Shelton

Elizabeth - March 20, 2020 at 04:55 PM

SB

Betsy and Bill and family, I am sorry to hear about the passing of your dad, "Uncle" Bill. I have lots of fond memories of spending time at your house when mom and dad went out and we stayed with you in Alton. I believe Bill took me (and Mom) to the hospital to get my stomach pumped after I had taken my "medicine" (too many vitamins) when I was about 3. The Bone clan had fun coming to visit Cape Girardeau for Betsy's wedding and learning about the button machine from the Peter's family. Most recently Mary Ellen and I were so glad to spend time with your family and got reacquainted after "Aunt" Barbara's funeral in Cape Girardeau in 2014. I'm sure the Alton couples are celebrating together in heaven. God bless his memory!

SueEllen (Bone) Bailey

SueEllen Bailey - March 28, 2020 at 10:19 PM

DP

“ My most sincere condolences to his family and friends. Bill was a great guy and both a gentleman and a gentle man, Beyond family, his many talents were broadly evidenced by his service to church and adopted Cape Girardeau community. International Shoe Company was a better company during his tenure as Director of Personnel and I was richly blessed to have had Bill as my strong right arm for seven years, 1966-1972. A day-long commitment made a month ago precludes my attending the service, but know I will be there in heart.

With sadness and best wishes, Duane A. Patterson

Duane A. Patterson - March 08, 2020 at 10:22 AM

LJ

“ Betsy and Bill, I am very sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.

Leah Jackman-Wheitner

Leah Jackman-Wheitner - March 06, 2020 at 05:36 PM

SH

“ May his memory be a blessing to you all. I recall visiting the Ports in junior high, high school and college in Cape. Plus Barbara and Bill always made time for me for dinner when I travelled on business to Cape.

Sally Hanson - March 05, 2020 at 04:49 PM

Marcie Forck

“ 5 files added to the album Family



Marcie Forck - March 04, 2020 at 05:20 PM