



William "Rocky" Ruark

June 20, 1954 - August 17, 2023

William "Rocky" Rufus Ruark, 69, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri departed this life on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at Chaffee Nursing Center after a long battle with cancer.

Rocky was born June 20, 1954, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky to Rufus William and Lucille Hester Ruark.

Rocky worked in a variety of industries from construction to maintenance and custodial work, with his last job being at Jackson Junior High School before his retirement.

For those that knew Rocky, he never was without a smile or a kind word to share. He loved the Kentucky Wildcats, St. Louis Cardinals, and being a part of Fantasy Football. Rocky made many memories watching and bantering over football, basketball, and baseball with his family throughout the years. His catch phrase, "Peace and Love," will live on in the hearts of many.

Survivors include two brothers, Mark (Rhonda) Ruark of Cape Girardeau and Jeff (Michelle) Ruark of East New Market, Maryland; a sister, Charlene (John) Edwards of Cambridge, Maryland; and three nephews, Jay (Candice) Ruark of Nashville, Tennessee; Nick (Vira) Ruark of Cape Girardeau; and Nathan (Laurel) Ruark of Sumpter, South Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

At Rocky's request, there will be a celebration of his life held in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at the Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge 639 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. An additional celebration of life will be on

Saturday, September 9, 2023, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky at Knockum Hill Bar-B-Que in Hopkinsville, Kentucky from 12:00 - 2:00 pm.

Memorial contributions may be given to Saxony Lutheran High School or Southeast Cancer Center.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com <<http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com>>

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge 639
639 Elk Lane
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I am so sad to hear of this terrible news. I had had rocky on my mind in the past several months wondering where he was and what he was up to. I worked with him for 3 1/2 years at Kohls. He always stood and talked to me as long as I was willing to talk or listen about the cardinals or world events. Rest in peace rocky and now be a guardian angel for your family and help the cardinals have a better season.

Melissa Jordan(Schaper) - August 28, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Rocky" Ruark.

August 24, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of William "Rocky" Ruark.



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“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for the family.

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“ *A great simple man that loved his family and friends! Rock always had a smile on his face. Did not take much to make him happy, a Kentucky win in any sport or a St. Louis Cardinals win would do the trick! Rock will be missed by his family and friends! So glad I was one of the friends! RIP Rock!*



Mike Walker - August 22, 2023 at 03:24 PM