



## AJ Stembel Jr.,

February 23, 1954 - May 31, 2022

AJ Stembel, age 68, of Cape Girardeau, passed away on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at Fountainbleau Lodge in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on February 23, 1954 to Adrian J. Stembel, Sr., and Bettye (Lang) Crockett in Tullahoma, Tennessee. AJ, or “Jan” to many, grew up in Tennessee. He left home at an early age to travel and work as a roadie with several southern rock bands before attending school and obtaining a certification in air conditioning and refrigeration.

AJ overcame a terrible disease being a transplant recipient of a new liver and kidney about 25 years ago. He was so grateful for a second chance at life. Despite the sometimes-grueling treatments and occasional setbacks, he loved Jesus and would respond when asked how he was, “I’m blessed!” He was a member of LaCroix Church and active in several men’s groups. He loved to fish and was an avid NASCAR fan.

Survivors include his three brothers, Michael Stembel, Brett (Cherie) Stembel, and Brad Crockett; and several other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life for AJ at LaCroix Church in Cape

Girardeau, on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider becoming an organ donor at [midamericatransplant.org](https://midamericatransplant.org) or making a contribution in AJ's memory to the American Diabetes Association.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

La Croix United Methodist Church  
3102 Lexington Ave  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall



“ *AJ Stembel Jr.,*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I have had a special place in my heart for Jan since the 1970's. We kept in touch as best as we could over the years but just recently had gotten back in touch, talking and texting. Jan was unique and had his way of doing things. He had a big and kind heart. I will miss his smile and his mischievous looks he use to give me. He will forever be in my thoughts and in my heart.*

*My deepest sympathy for his brothers, he spoke of you often. Also for Uncle Gary and Aunt Darlene, I enjoyed meeting you and I know Jan thought the world of you and loved all of you.*

*I will miss Jan, but it's comforting to know he is at peace, his body is healed and he is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*Always*

*JoAnne Williamson Crawford*

*Nashville TN*

JoAnne Crawford - June 09, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of AJ Stembel Jr.,.*



June 08, 2022 at 03:11 PM

SB

“ A.J. was one of a kind. Hearing of his passing brought sadness, but immediately joy for him as he is now completely "blessed". I am glad for him as he is now with Jesus. It makes me smile when I imagine how Jesus must be doing with A.J. at his side. Thank you A.J. for being you. You were loved.

Shari Boxdorfer - June 03, 2022 at 12:04 PM

SM

“ I'm so sorry we have lost a special guy. I have many memories of A.J. and he had sayings only Jan could come up with. I have comfort he and his mamma are up there dancing and laughing.

Sandy Minter - June 02, 2022 at 05:12 PM



“ Jan, a good friend since high school, will be sorely missed. We nicknamed him Squirrel in HS. He was as original a being as there ever was one. No pretense. No BS. Very comfortable to be with, never knew a stranger, and could produce laughter in an instant. I consider myself so blessed to have known him. Jan knew his Savior and I'm certain he enjoys life in Paradise today.

Mark Howard - June 02, 2022 at 08:21 AM

SO

“ Oh, no! I am so very sad and sorry. Jan was my friend. He was such a good guy. One thing that will give me some comfort is knowing that he now a peace and with his sweet wonderful mamma, Bettye! Love and miss both of you!



Susie O'Connell - June 01, 2022 at 09:01 PM