



Gerald Glen Fortner

February 5, 1951 - October 12, 2023

IN MEMORY OF: Gerald Glen Fortner

Serving Location: CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAPE GIRARDEAU 829 North West End Boulevard, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Gerald Glen Fortner, 72, of Cape Girardeau, passed away Thursday October 12, 2023, at Life Care Center in Cape Girardeau with his daughter (Casey), grandson (Collyn) and friends David and Holly La Rose at his side.

He was born February 5, 1951, in Eupora, Mississippi to William “Red” and Grizilla (Paris) Fortner.

Gerald graduated from Eupora High School in 1969 and attended a local college for two years. He was one of the most noted graduates and town citizens. He left his heart and soul in Eupora.

He went to work at Hunter Engineering installing alignment racks in businesses for the next 20 years.

He moved to Cape Girardeau in 1982.

In 1998, he began a successful career in specialty interior carpentry. He was known by many and loved by all who knew him.

Gerald was a man of integrity and honesty. He was a man who would tell you of his beliefs regarding many subjects including politics.

Gerald was known for his creation of miniature buildings such as Graceland, Elvis's birth home, Animal House, his family's service station in Eupora, many local businesses in Eupora, the Cape Girardeau Public Library and many others. He could create miniature tillers, lawnmowers, weed eaters and lawnmowers as if they were the real thing. He had a skill, talent, and patience unknown to any man.

Gerald was also a proud friend of Bill W. for 22 years.

He is survived by daughter Casey Rouggy of Cape Girardeau, grandson Collyn (Haylee) Rouggy of Cape Girardeau and one niece Denise and one nephew Ryan Fortner.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, William "Bill" Fortner.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the caregivers at Life Care Center and in particular Cari Grant, a special nurse.

A celebration of life service will be held from 1 pm to 3 pm on Saturday, October 21 at the VFW Post 3838, 1049 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau with snacks provided.

Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is handling the arrangements.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to the Gerald Fortner Memorial Fund of Eupora, MS by mailing a check payable to the EHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 473, Eupora, MS. 39744 with a note in the memo line it is for Gerald.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

VFW Post 3838
1049 N. Kingshighway Street
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall



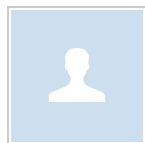
“ *Loved this man. Brilliant artist, wonderful human being, and a loving soul. Only knew him for a short amount of time at the end but I'll never forget his wit and how welcome he made me feel. God rest his Mississippi soul.*

Christan Clay Seay - August 24, 2025 at 08:08 PM



“ *Wonderful, talented, generous man. Much loved friend to many. I miss you, my friend.*

Carol White - January 12, 2025 at 12:05 AM



“ *Gerald Glen Fortner*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Gerald was one of a kind! Honest, kind, generous and loving! He will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him personally! RIP Sweet Gerald!*

Elizabeth Anne Armstrong - October 20, 2023 at 01:01 PM

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Gerald was a friend for many years as well as his brother Bill. I helped them through their years in their business in Eupora as their accountant and friend. After Gerald came to live in Cape Girardeau would always enjoy seeing him when he was in Eupora. Gerald was a kind caring person with many talents. His carpentry skills amazed me, envious that I could not do the intricate work he did. He had a very entertaining personality. He will be missed by many of us in Eupora for years to come but we have some special works of his to enjoy. Curtis Clanton

Curtis Clanton - October 21, 2023 at 12:41 PM

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Gerald was a good guy, a very talented man. He will be missed. My condolences to his daughter and family who I know he loved.

Robert Hale - October 23, 2023 at 09:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Glen Fortner.*



October 19, 2023 at 06:53 PM