



## Michael L. Wallis

April 23, 1947 - April 14, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Michael L. Wallis

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAPE GIRARDEAU

829 North West End Boulevard, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Michael L. Wallis, 77, of Cape Girardeau, MO, died Monday, April 14, 2025 at Providence Hospice in the Lutheran Home.

He was born April 23, 1947, in Poplar Bluff, MO to Otis L. Wallis and Virginia Watkins Wallis. He and Mary Hill were united in marriage on May 18, 1984.

Michael was a 1965 graduate of Poplar Bluff High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia. In the following years Michael completed his Masters in Public Health from the University of Mississippi and received his MBA from Missouri State University. He retired from the Kansas Department of Education in 2015.

Throughout their marriage Michael and Mary traveled extensively through the United States, Canada, Europe and the Caribbean. Michael loved

photography, his pets and delighting his family with his meat smoking skills. His funny stories and jokes were endlessly entertaining. He was a lifelong supporter of Mizzou and Ole Miss football and was looking forward to their next season.

Survivors include his wife Mary and her siblings, Cris (David) Edwards of Jackson, Janice Hill and Jeanne Shrum of Cape Girardeau, Hartford "Jay" Hill III (Jana) of Kennesaw, GA and Judith (James) Rogers of Columbia, MO. He is also survived by Mary's 4 nephews, 3 nieces and their children.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents and Mary's parents, Hartford and Kathleen Hill.

In keeping with Michael's wishes no service will be held.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or a charity of your choice.

The cremation of Michael L. Wallis will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.