



## Wilmer D Nall

August 19, 1935 - September 19, 2020

Wilmer D. Nall, 85, of Cape Girardeau, formerly of East Cape Girardeau, IL, passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at the home of his daughter.

Wilmer was born August, 19, 1935 in Mason County, IL to Ernest W. and Edna McDaniel Nall.

Wilmer graduated from Bath-Lynchburg High School in 1953. He went on to study at Illinois State University, Bradley University and Western Illinois University until he earned his Specialist degree in Education. He taught Industrial Arts in Divernon, IL and Mason City, IL. He was high school principal and later superintendent of schools at his alma mater, Balyki, in Bath, IL. He later was superintendent of the Mt. Auburn, IL district and concluded his career as superintendent of schools at Shawnee School District in Wolf Lake, IL, retiring in 1994.

Wilmer served in the U.S. Army in the late 1950s. He served most of his military stint in Germany. Among his other duties, he played on his base's baseball team, The Dragons. He enjoyed traveling to other bases to play their teams. He also took advantage of being overseas and used his leave to tour European countries and famous landmarks and had many pictures and slides of those amazing sites.

Wilmer went on a blind date with Marilyn Haage in August, 1961. They were married a short four months later, on December 28, 1961 in Havana, IL. Wilmer and Marilyn were happily married for 57 ½ years (he always included that ½) until her passing in May of 2019. Wilmer and Marilyn had a great love for country music. They went to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN on their honeymoon. Over the years they enjoyed many trips to Branson and loved attending various music shows. They enjoyed traveling around the US and often pulled their camper on their trips. They also enjoyed watching British comedies on TV.

Wilmer was a diehard fan of the Chicago Cubs and took a lot of teasing for it when he moved to the Cape Girardeau area. Wilmer had a great sense of humor and had a joke for every situation. He found the humor in life and shared it with all those around him.

Wilmer was a member of Mt. Auburn Christian Church and served in various capacities over the years, including as a deacon and later an elder. His faith in Jesus was the focal point of Wilmer's life. He was a shining example of a Christian man, husband and father.

Loving survivors include his daughters, Tracey (Wes) Tripp of Cape Girardeau, Tricia (John) Josephs of Cypress, TX; grandchildren Trevor Dunn (Ashley Cook) of Warrenton, MO, Halie (Tim) Simmons of Evansville, IN and Colby Brennan of Cypress, TX; great grandchildren Reid and Aubrey Simmons of Evansville, IN; brothers Ernest J. (Charlene) Nall of Manito, IL and Michael (Arlene) Nall of The Villages, FL, and sister Lois French of Bath, IL; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ed and Cathy Haage of Havana, IL, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Charles Nall, and a brother-in-law, Vince French.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 1, 2020 with service at 6:30 pm at Mt. Auburn Christian Church. Minister Casey Elmore will officiate the service.

A graveside service and inurnment will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020 11 a.m., at Bethel Baptist Cemetery in Mason County, IL. Minister Mike Hopps will officiate.

Memorial donations may be made to Mt. Auburn Christian Church, 930 N Mt. Auburn Road, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Envelopes will be available at the church.

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

# Previous Events

## Friends and Family Gathering

OCT 1. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Mt Auburn Christian Church  
930 N Mt Auburn Rd  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 803-2050

## Memorial Service

OCT 1. 6:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilmer D Nall*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Sara and I will sure miss Wilmer. His gentle teasing about us being Cardinals fans and he was a huge Cubs fan. And always sitting in the same row as us. At least he got to see the Cubs win a World Series. We miss Marilyn, too. From Karen Young*



**Karen D Young** - October 01, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ *From our family's purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Wilmer D Nall.*



**From our family's** - September 28, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ *Mr. Nall was the superintendent when I graduated from Balyki in 1978. Tricia and Tracey, I babysat you a few times. The love and respect that your parents had for each other was evident to me as a teenager, and one of the things I remember from those times. I ran into your dad here in Cape Girardeau at Papa John's Pizza several years ago. He was a truly good man.*

**Laurel (Shields) Bush** - September 24, 2020 at 07:00 PM

TT

*I remember you, Laurel. Thanks for your kind words. Are you in the Cape area?*

**Tracey Tripp** - September 24, 2020 at 10:04 PM

LS

“ *Wilmer Mall was my high school principal! At the time had no idea how he would impact my life. He proved to me how much he cared for every student. Not as a whole but individually! I won't go into the exact details but I will tell you that thru out the rest of my life I respected and appreciated him among the important people in my life! For those who hat call to call him family, for the ones that called him a friend, a co-worker, subordinate or boss: YOU are truly blessed. Mr. Nall was very rare. He loved his job and it showed. So I want to tell you how lucky you've been to share your life for with him. I feel so happy I shared such a brief part of mine with him m. He taught me one very special value in LIFE.... FAITH! He had faith in me to do something with my life. He didn't want me waste it. I DIDN'T!! I truly believe his faith in me became part in my life. My prayers are with you all. May God comfort you thru this time.*



**Lori Smith** - September 24, 2020 at 12:32 AM

TJ

*Thank you so much for those kind words Lori. Our Dad was one of a kind.*

**Tricia Nall Josephs** - September 26, 2020 at 12:49 PM

NW

“ Tricia and Tracey, So sorry to hear of your Dad’s passing. I was privileged to work for Mr. Nall at Shawnee CUSD #84. He was a very kind, understanding and knowledgeable Administrator. He always treated everyone with kindness and respect no matter what the circumstance. I remember when your family first moved to this area being invited to a delicious meal of “horseshoes” prepared by your Mom and one night we enjoyed a Statler Brothers Concert at The ShowMe Center. I know your Dad and Mom are together again, enjoying country music and definitely their faith. May they Rest In Peace.

Nancy Wilson - September 23, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beatin g... was purchased for the family of Wilmer D Nall.



September 23, 2020 at 12:37 PM

SC

“ My best wishes to Wilmer's family. We were classmates in 1952, 1953 at Bath Lynchburg High School. He was a key player in our regular season undefeated baseball team in 1952 plus being a class act in school. Never saw him angry with anyone or have anything bad to say about someone.

Stan Connolly - September 23, 2020 at 11:11 AM

JD

“ *Mr. Nall was a highly respected educator. My mother, who was Regional Supt. of Schools, spoke of him often and labeled him as one of the best Educational Administrators she'd ever had the pleasure of working alongside. Mr. Nall was a friend and neighbor to many in the McClure area and would help anyone in need without thinking twice. He was a very giving, caring person and made a positive contribution to his community. He will be missed by many. May God comfort his family as he arrives in his Heavenly home.*

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**Julia Grace Duff** - September 21, 2020 at 04:21 PM

ME

“ *Mr. Nall you were my favorite superintendent. Rest in peace boss. I shall miss you!*

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**Marla Ervin-Hardesty** - September 21, 2020 at 12:42 PM

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*Marla,  
Thanks for your kind words and for taking Dad to the Retired Teacher meetings. He really looked forward to those! It was a bright spot for him. His obituary and service times should be listed here very soon.  
Tracey*

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**Tracey Tripp** - September 23, 2020 at 11:15 AM