



## David Jay Shaffer

September 25, 1951 - June 23, 2025

David J. Shaffer, 73, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, peacefully passed away with his wife by his side, Monday, June 23, 2025 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

He was born September 25, 1951 in Cambridge, NE to Bill and June Shaffer.

David and Gayle were married July 26, 1997 at Cape Girardeau, MO. She survives him in Cape Girardeau, MO.

He was a dedicated Occupational Therapist for many years. David could repurpose anything. He was a fishing and boating enthusiast and of anything that involved water. He was a proud houseboat owner on Kentucky Lake for 20 years. He was a lover of all animals. David dearly loved his grandchildren & aggravating them and Gayle.

He was a member of Lynwood Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, MO.

Survivors include daughters, Laura (Steve), Kristin (Jay), Kasey (Tim); son, Kristopher (April); brother, Rick; two sisters, Sharon & Christie; hairy Shaffer kids, Moses, Henry, Jesse David & Marvin; eight grandchildren, Kaylee, Kameryn, Ian, Caleb, Ava, Annabelle, Autumn, Aubrey; nieces & nephews, Zachary, Micah, Jesse, Breanne, Jacob & Jasmine; great-nieces & nephews, Layton, Evie, Jackson and Jameson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two grandsons, Devon & Sydney.

Visitation will be from 9:30 am to 11:30 am on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at Lynwood Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, MO.

Funeral Service will be at 11:30 am Saturday, July 5, 2025 at Lynwood Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau with Rev. Kevin Coffee officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Southeast Missouri Pets.

The Shaffer family wishes to thank the doctors and nurses at Barnes-Jewish Hospital for their kindness, care & compassion.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Lynwood Baptist Church  
2935 Lynwood Hills Drive  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

JUL 5. 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Gayle - I was so sorry to hear about Dave! When we heard this at Mid America Rehab in Perryville, we couldn't help but remember good things and funny stories about Dave! I hope you and your family find sympathy knowing he lived a full life and had such a great impact on others!*  
*Sara Hennemann, PT*

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**Sara Hennemann** - June 28, 2025 at 05:52 PM

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*Thank you, Sara. David lived a life full of no regrets! I will forever miss him...*

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**Gayle Shaffer** - June 29, 2025 at 11:30 AM

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“ *David was my children IN HOME OT for many years - he often spoke of his love of James Taylor music - my sympathies and prayers go out to his wife and family - please take the time to feel GODS loving arms wrapping around you in the coming days and months - Debbie Campbell and Linda and (Tony^)*

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**Debbie Campbell** - June 24, 2025 at 03:04 PM

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*Thank you*

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**Gayle Shaffer** - June 26, 2025 at 11:42 AM

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*Gayle, I was so sorry to hear about David's passing. He was great to work with at Kelly and seemed to truly care about the kids. I always thought of him as "one of the good guys!" I'll be keeping you in my prayers.*

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**Lee Ann Mattingly** - June 29, 2025 at 05:12 PM

GS

*Thank you*

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**Gayle Shaffer** - June 29, 2025 at 08:53 PM