



## Donald E. Hardaway

October 17, 1951 - November 20, 2025

Donald E. Hardaway, 74, of Perryville, Missouri passed away Thursday, November 20, 2025 at The Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, MO.

He was born October 17, 1951 in Houston, TX to Henry Edward and Margaret Marie (Karl) Hardaway.

Donald graduated with a PHD from the University of Houston. He taught I.T. and Information Systems for over 30 years at St. Louis University in St. Louis. Donald enjoyed using computers for business and pleasure.

Donald and Carolyn Bey-Pontillas were married November 19, 2011. Following he moved to Perryville, where he spent 14 years enjoying rural life and animals. He was the proud owner of three American Saddle Bred horses and enjoyed showing them.

He was a member the Knights of Columbus, American Legion Booster and several Free Mason lodges.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Hardaway; two sons, J.C. (Natasha) Hardaway M.D. of Dallas, TX, Nick (Ashley) Hardaway of Eureka, MO; two step-children, Ryan (Annie Sklar) Pontillas of Barre, VT, Maria (Rory) Shakles of Warrenville IL; three sisters, Jane Whitney of Dallas, TX, Susan (Paul)

McLain of Cypress, TX, Barbara Lynch of Houston, TX; grandchildren, Silas, Wyatt, Grayson, Whitley & Piper; nephew, Paul (Premila) Whitney; two nieces, Jeanette (Jose) Iglesias M.D., Annette (Jeff) Whitney-Rasanskey M.D.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Larry Hardaway, Norbert Hardaway, and Tom Hardaway; step-daughter, Laurie Bey-Pontillas.

Graveside Service will be at 10:00 am Monday, December 1, 2025 at the Mausoleum Chapel at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville with Deacon John Darin officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville.

Memorial contributions may be given to the National Pancreatic Foundation or Southeast MO Pets.

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

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Cemetery Details

### Mount Hope Cemetery

Perryville, MO

## Previous Events

### Graveside Service

DEC 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mount Hope Cemetery  
2299 W St Joseph St  
Perryville, MO 63775

# Tribute Wall

NH

“ Noah&Holly Bellringer and Carol Hardaway planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald E. Hardaway.

Noah&Holly Bellringer and Carol Hardaway - November 27, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald E. Hardaway.



November 27, 2025 at 07:24 PM

LW

“ Love, Jane Whitney purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald E. Hardaway.



Love, Jane Whitney - November 26, 2025 at 10:53 PM

TL

“ Tom and Sheri Lewis purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Donald E. Hardaway.



Tom and Sheri Lewis - November 25, 2025 at 03:37 PM

TF

“ *The Iglesias Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donald E. Hardaway.*



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**The Iglesias Family** - November 24, 2025 at 02:24 PM

EM

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to you, Carolyn, and to all who loved Donald.*

*Ellen*

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**Ellen Meyer** - November 22, 2025 at 12:36 PM

BH

“ *Our prayers and sympathies to you, Carolyn and to yours and Donald's families, for your loss.*

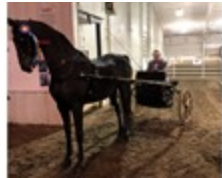
*Brant and Kathy Hall*

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**Brant & Kathy Hall** - November 22, 2025 at 06:52 AM

DW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



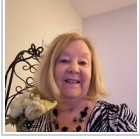
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**Debbie Willey** - November 21, 2025 at 11:34 PM

CH

*Thank you Debbie ...Donald was in his glory with Wendy*❤️

**Carolyn B Hardaway** - December 03, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ *Dear Carolyn and Family, Sending my condolences and prayers.*  
*Nancy V*

**Nancy Vandiver** - November 21, 2025 at 08:46 PM

RW

“ *Carolyn and family,*  
*My prayers for you as you enter this new chapter of life.*  
*God's peace,*  
*Rita Weber*

**Rita Weber** - November 21, 2025 at 07:44 PM



*Thank you Rita*

**Carolyn Hardaway** - November 21, 2025 at 08:42 PM

CH

*Thanks Rita*

**Carolyn B Hardaway** - December 03, 2025 at 08:42 AM

DK

“ *Carolyn, Our sympathy to you and your family on Donald's passing.*  
*I pray you find peace and comfort in the Lord.*  
*Danny and Darlene Kiefer*

**Darlene Kiefer** - November 21, 2025 at 05:24 PM

CH

*Thanks Darlene*

**Carolyn B Hardaway** - December 03, 2025 at 08:42 AM