



## Michael Steven Garris Jr.

November 6, 1961 - August 16, 2024

Michael Steven Garris Jr., 62, of Perryville, Missouri passed away Friday, August 16, 2024 at SSM Health St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born November 6, 1961 in Perryville, MO to Michael Junior and Alice M. (Evans) Garris mother survives in Perryville.

He was a Self Employed Firewood and Mulch Hauler.

Mike loved gardening, taking care of the horses, helping his children, family, friends and even strangers. He enjoyed fishing (with his prized rods and reels) and mushroom hunting. He loved blasting his loud speakers and feeling the music. He loved Camo everything. He enjoyed his pocket knives, flashlights and firearms. He could build just about anything with his array of tools that he prided himself with. He had an infinite amount of knowledge and loved sharing it with others. He was an avid amazon shopper and always researched before he bought anything! He could sell ice-cubes to an eskimo. He could show you all the best places to find Ginseng and was an exceptional artist, he was talented in so many ways. He could play a mean game of pool and when his shoulder would allow it he'd beat anyone at arm wrestling. He enjoyed playing all games though his favorite was Greedy. He loved Crosstown where he was born and raised. He loved storm watching and listening to the rain, hail, thunder and all, checking the river level and rain level. Spending time at the Mississippi River, making trails with his 4-wheeler and giving names to new

places he would find. He loved revisiting old places that he discovered as a kid. He loved making walking sticks. He was a wonderful cook and could make just about anything, from chili, spaghetti, pickle salad, chicken, and so much more. He loved cracking jokes and putting smiles on everyone's faces. He always enjoyed a cold beer and spending every day with his dog Oliver. He was a hard worker and perfectionist to do the job right. He loved so incredibly hard and was a truly sympathetic person. He appreciated all walks of life and would always follow the golden rules. He believed to always treat everyone with kindness. And most importantly he loved spending time with his kids. They were the light in his life. To say he would be missed is an understatement.

Survivors include Son, Michael M. Garris of Perryville, MO, Four Daughters, Abby L. (Fiance Lucas Ponder) Garris of Perryville, MO, Libby A. (Riley Dewitt) Garris of Perryville, MO, Joni L. Lungwitz of Swansey, IL, Maggie J. Lungwitz of Perryville, MO; Two Brothers, Daniel (Wendy) Garris of Crosstown, MO, Kurt (Jamie) Garris of Perryville, MO; Three Sisters, Winona (Don) Koetting of Perryville, MO, Yvonne (Chris) Petzoldt of Perryville, Kathy Taylor of Perryville; Soon to be born Grandchild, Hollan Michael.

He was preceded in death by his Father, Michael Junior Garris; Son, Mason M. Garris.

Mike brought so much joy to everyone's lives that we want you to gather with us in celebrating his life and share your favorite memories and joyful moments on Saturday, August 24th at 2:00 pm at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Crosstown.

Following there will be a gathering at the Zion Lutheran Church in Crosstown Picnic Grounds.

Memorial contributions may be given to Family use.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com).  
Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethlehem Baptist Church  
160 PCR 350  
Perryville, MO 63775

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jimmy & Susan Worthy, Gary & Linda Foote planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Steven Garris Jr..

Jimmy & Susan Worthy, Gary & Linda Foote - August 23, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Steven Garris Jr..



August 23, 2024 at 08:35 PM

RA

“ From: Robert & Amy; Joe & Ashley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Steven Garris Jr..

Robert & Amy; Joe & Ashley - August 23, 2024 at 04:58 PM

RA

“ Robert & Amy; Joe & Ashley purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Steven Garris Jr..



Robert & Amy; Joe & Ashley - August 23, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Michael Steven Garris Jr..*



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August 23, 2024 at 04:24 PM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss! We are praying for all of you during this difficult time. It was so heartbreaking to learn of his passing. He was so full of life, and loved so deeply, and will be forever missed.*



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**Jimmy & Susan Worthy** - August 22, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ *I am so saddened to see of Mike's passing. I met Mike many years ago, when we rode the school bus together. I was about 12 and he was about 15. I always knew that he was a special guy and from reading his obituary, I can see that he really was a great man. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and everyone that knew him. Kathy, I'm so sorry. Hugs to you.*

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**sheila Taylor Perkins** - August 21, 2024 at 06:40 PM

WD

“ *Willie DeWitt, Casey DeWitt purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Steven Garris Jr..*



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**Willie DeWitt, Casey DeWitt** - August 21, 2024 at 05:53 PM

RW

“ *Alice, Kathy, and family,  
My prayers for comfort as you begin this new life chapter.  
God's peace,  
Rita Weber*

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**Rita Weber** - August 20, 2024 at 07:43 PM

JK

“ *WOW what an amazing, well deserved obituary, Mike left his imprint on the world. And that's for true...my thoughts and prayers are with the family...*

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**Joe Keller** - August 20, 2024 at 09:10 AM

DH

“ *What an amazing Obituary & Tribute to Mike. SO sorry for the loss of your loved one!!*

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**DIANA HOWE** - August 20, 2024 at 08:15 AM

BB

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Many Prayers to his family and friends!*

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**Bill and Cheri Beauchamp** - August 19, 2024 at 08:25 PM

CD

“ *Caitlyn and Tyler Davis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Steven Garris Jr..*



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**Caitlyn and Tyler Davis** - August 19, 2024 at 05:50 PM

CD

“ *Caitlyn and Tyler Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Steven Garris Jr..*

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**Caitlyn and Tyler Davis** - August 19, 2024 at 05:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Steven Garris Jr..*



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August 19, 2024 at 02:59 PM

TN

“ *Alice accept our sincere sympathy. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. As a classmate we will always have fond memories of the times we spent in the classroom.*

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**Thelma and Eugene Nations** - August 19, 2024 at 02:58 PM

JD

“ Jean & Paul Austin, Riley & Casey Dewitt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Steven Garris Jr..

Jean & Paul Austin, Riley & Casey Dewitt - August 19, 2024 at 02:40 PM

JD

“ Jean & Paul Austin, Riley & Casey Dewitt purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Michael Steven Garris Jr..



Jean & Paul Austin, Riley & Casey Dewitt - August 19, 2024 at 02:40 PM

VY

“ I have many good memories of all us kids playing together at your house. Michael was always the typical little brother, bugging the heck out of me and Winona! He will be missed! 💔

vickie yount - August 19, 2024 at 02:16 PM

PH

Mike was a classmate of mine. He always had a smile when I saw him. So sorry for your loss and prayers.

Patty Hayden - August 19, 2024 at 03:15 PM