



## Melvin E. Kertz

May 7, 1938 - June 20, 2016

June 21, 2016

Mr. Melvin E. Kertz, age 78, of Forrest City, died Monday at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis. He had been in the hospital for the past two and half weeks.

Mr. Kertz was born May 7, 1938, in Festus, Missouri, and was the son of Ernest Kertz and Blandine Zerwig Kertz. He lived in St. Francis County most of his life, was retired from A.T.& T. after thirty years of service, was a Veteran of the Air Force. He was past owner-operator of Mel's Feed Store, and was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Mr. Kertz married Dorothy Zvonar in 1960, and she preceded him in death in 1999. He is survived by two sons; Paul Kertz of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and Martin Kertz of Fort Mill, South Carolina, three daughters; Nanette Nadolny of Harvest, Alabama, Diane Kertz of Destin, Florida, and Susan Goodwin of Wynne, and eight grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Kertz will be held at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 11:00 A.M., Friday, with burial in Forrest Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, 6:00 till 7:30 P.M., at Stevens Funeral Home with a Rosary beginning at 7:30 PM. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the on line registry.

# Cemetery Details

## Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **23**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home  
220 North Washington  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-5400  
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<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

## Rosary

JUN **23**. 7:30 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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JUN **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
621 S. Washington  
Forrest City, AR 72335

## Interment

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JUN **24** (CT)

Forrest Park  
Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was very saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Kertz. When I was a child, I would go to the Kertz house to play with Diane Kertz. I was always jealous of the Kertz children because they had such a friendly and interactive dad. Mr. Kertz even gave his kids nicknames!!!! I was very envious. Mr. and Mrs. Kertz were always very kind to me when I visited their home. I have fond memories of getting 2 kittens from them, of seeing the bee-keeping set-up, and, in general, of just having a good time at their home. Hearing of his death has made me nostalgic for some of those days in the past. I will keep the Kertz family in thoughts and prayers. Noma Wilkinson Kellner



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**Noma Kellner** - June 28, 2016 at 12:25 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Mr Mel's family. I met him when I worked at True Value Hardware, and when they closed I went to work at Food Giant. I'll never forget the look on his face when he came by the Deli \Bakery and saw I was there...he had to have a hug. He never came in the store without stopping for another hug and share a story or two with me. He always brightened my day! I'll be watching for a rainbow, I know he will be sending one down from the heavens.  
Sincerely, Jane Vaughn

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**Jane Vaughn** - June 24, 2016 at 06:32 PM

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“ Melvin and I were friends from Festus High school. We kept in touch all these years.

One day When Melvin and I were freshmen We went to lunch at the grade school together. On the way back to high school we stopped in the park and was sitting on the merry go round. Three seniors saw us and said, "babies must play" I responded with, "while fools look on" This made them very angry and came over to "whip Mel and I"

Melvin jumped up and said. "you can whip David but you have to go through me first"

because Mel worked out on a punching bag, He hit one of them three times before he could blink and he hit the ground. at that point I said KABUNK, YOU GOT HIM. from that point on "KABUNK" was our greeting to each other. We spent many times together. we even walked from Saint Genevieve to Festus together on the railroad tracks. I will miss him veery much. KABUNK for the last time old friend!! David Drury

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David Drury - June 23, 2016 at 07:39 PM

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“ Bill & Pam Hess lit a candle in memory of Melvin E. Kertz



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Bill & Pam Hess - June 22, 2016 at 07:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin E. Kertz.*



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June 22, 2016 at 04:53 PM



“ *Susan Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Melvin E. Kertz*



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**Susan Goodwin** - June 22, 2016 at 12:57 PM



*So sorry for your loss! Prayers are with all of you.*

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**Mary Wells** - June 22, 2016 at 03:52 PM



*Working with your Mom on Girl Scout actives was a wonderful time in my life. Not only was your mom involved in scouting, so was your dad. I so enjoyed getting to know this fine man. I know you will miss him forever. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Gigi Twist** - June 24, 2016 at 10:51 AM



*i miss you at church!and our talks at the restraurant,thanks for paying for my meal at mikes*

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**mark henson** - September 04, 2016 at 06:48 PM



“ *Mel was the most generous, thoughtful, and kind person I've ever known. I consider myself so very blessed to have been his friend and cherish the many, many memories he gave me. What I wouldn't give to be back on the swing with him at the feed store discussing various topics. Mel, you are simply irreplaceable. Thank you so much for "adopting" that little blonde annoyance that lived next door. I appreciate everything you ever did for me and I will miss you forever.*

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**Angie Bumgarner** - June 22, 2016 at 12:03 PM



*So sorry to hear of Mel's passing. Fred had seen Susan and knew that he was not doing well. Have fond memories of him coming into Eldridge Tire. Thinking of all the family. The Eldridges, Fred & Nita*

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**Nita Eldridge** - June 24, 2016 at 11:19 AM