



## Emil A. Cergnul

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Our beloved brother, uncle, and friend passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Friday afternoon, August 16, 2019. Though Sonny suffered with mental illness his entire adult life, it was not until in the last few weeks that his heart became frail and led to his death.

Sonny was preceded in death by his loving father and mother Emil, Sr. and Gloria Jean (Bond). Our father lovingly provided for Sonny long after his death, and our mother provided a loving and secure home until her death. He is survived by his two sisters, Barbara (John) Moranville and Dolly (Joe) Hader, and his brother John (Carlene) Cergnul. Dolly and John especially appreciate Barbara's dedication to Sonny's needs and comfort. After our mother died, she was the only relative living in Memphis and willingly and gratefully accepted the role of primary caregiver. We would also like to acknowledge our Aunt, Leila Becker, who would regularly call Sonny and who always sent him something special for his birthday. Sonny is also survived by 8 nieces and nephews and 15 great nieces and nephews. He graduated from Saint Louis Grade School, Christian Brothers High School, and attended Christian Brothers College, all in Memphis.

The last several years of his life, Sonny lived at Kennington Pointe Senior Living Facility. He often referred to the residents and employees of Kennington Pointe as his second family. It was here that he met his special friend, and apple of his eye, Deloris. They shared every meal, and between meals sat together in the main hall greeting people as they walked by. Sonny had an exceptional memory for TV/movie/Beatle trivia and especially people's names! He knew every residents' and every employees' name at Kennington Pointe. When someone walked by, he would yell their name and wave, and laugh. And what a laugh! He had a great sense of humor and was quick to laugh, his distinctive, great big, belly laugh, when something tickled his fancy.

We will miss Sonny and mourn his passing, but we are comforted in the knowledge that his mind is finally at peace.

There will be a funeral service at noon Tuesday August 20th at Canale Funeral Directors, 2700 Union Avenue Extended, Memphis, TN, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Sonny's ashes will be laid to rest next to our mom, in a private ceremony, at the Memorial Park Cemetery, in Staunton, IL on Thursday, August 22.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a contribution to a charity of your choice.

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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**AUG** **Memorial Service** 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I’m so sorry for you loss. I just learned today of Sonny’s death. I was Sonny’s Dental Hygienist and we had a very special friendship. He would often sing Donovan’s song “Jennifer” to me when he came in and we would always have the best time laughing and visiting and discussing how things were with his best girl, Deloris. Your brother was one of a kind and always the highlight of my day. He will always have a special place in my heart, for I loved him dearly. Much love to you all!

Jennifer Cook

Jennifer Cook - September 05, 2019 at 07:15 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Emil A. Cergnul.



August 20, 2019 at 05:24 AM

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“ Garden Wreath was purchased for the family of Emil A. Cergnul.



August 19, 2019 at 04:26 PM

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“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Emil A. Cergnul.



August 17, 2019 at 02:38 PM