



Ada L. "Dottie" Cruce

November 8, 1927 - February 11, 2020

Dr. Ada L. "Dottie" Cruce, 92, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at Chateau Girardeau Health Center.

She was born November 8, 1927 in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas to JD and Elsie Tillman Cruce.

She was a professor at Southeast Missouri State University and retired Emeritus.

She was a founding member of the Women's Safe House in Cape Girardeau, chairman of the State Board of Psychology, member of Cape Girardeau Health Board, member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and longtime board member of Community Counseling Center. She was a volunteer at Southeast Hospital.

She was an avid animal lover, especially her cats and loved traveling the world.

She was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Debbie (Mark) Bradley of Cape Girardeau; one son, David (Melisa) Cruce Mast of Paducah, Kentucky; and two

grandchildren, Lindsay Batts and Ashleigh Mast both of Paducah.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Maxine Cruce.

Visitation will be 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 12:00 pm Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Dr. Barry Winders officiating.

Burial will be at Cayce Methodist Church Cemetery in Cayce, Kentucky.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Dr. Ada Lou Cruce Endowed Scholarship, One University Plaza, MS 7300, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cayce Methodist Church Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Service

FEB 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ *What an amazing woman! She was brilliant, empathic, and fun! Group counseling with Dottie facilitating was a happening, and we couldn't wait for the next session. Thank you for teaching me to be a counselor - the best thirty years of my life!* ”

Jan Finch - May 25, 2021 at 11:37 PM

ST

“ *Dave and Melisa and Family, I am so very sorry. Thinking of you all and praying for you at this time. Much love.* ”

Shannon Crisp Thomas

Shannon Thomas - February 12, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ada L. "Dottie" Cruce.* ”



February 12, 2020 at 07:19 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ada L. "Dottie" Cruce.* ”



February 12, 2020 at 05:54 AM

RO

“ *Such a kind soul. She was a wonderful encourager.*

Ruth Ann Orr - February 11, 2020 at 11:40 PM



“ *Dottie was such an amazing lady! She was someone I respected and admired very much, and a big part of why I decided to become a psychologist. :-) Rest easy, dear lady- you have helped and guided so many people throughout your life <3*

Debra Knight - February 11, 2020 at 08:38 PM

RB

“ *Dr. Cruce was a wonderful instructor! She was always up for a laugh! Loved her! RIP Dr. Cruce! Condolences to the family!*

Rocky Boyer - February 11, 2020 at 08:13 PM

NB

“ *Prayers to all of her loved ones.*

She was full of life, a great instructor, and a great asset to the School Counselors of Missouri. She will be missed by many.

I pray that your memories and God's grace ease your grief.

*Nancy Bland,
Former Guidance & Counseling Student*

Nancy Bland - February 11, 2020 at 07:28 PM

JJ

She was a constant mentor and inspiration to her students. Irreplaceable, she kept her courses exciting and she worked hard to stretch each of us to be the best counselor we could be. Rest in eternal peace sweet Dottie! You have been a gift, a cornerstone to so many!

Judy St. John - February 12, 2020 at 01:57 PM