



Almaretta Rhodes

June 18, 2009

Almaretta Rhodes, 72 of Cape Girardeau, Missouri went to heaven from her home Thursday, June 18, 2009, surrounded by her loving husband of 52 1/2 years and her children. She was born February 7, 1937 in Boss, Mo. daughter of Arsdel Ruby Van and Eva Irene Camden Hanson. She and Edwin E. "Pete" Rhodes were married November 10, 1956. Almaretta loved her family and friends and enjoyed life with all of them. She never knew a stranger and always had an open heart and hand. She was a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church. She also was a life member of the VFW Post 3838 Ladies Aux. and the Fraternal Order of Eagle 3775 Aux., Elks Lodge 639 Aux., and the American Legion of Jackson, Mo. She was an active bowler for 30 years and served as vice president of the Ladies Bowling Association for many years. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1994. She also enjoyed playing Bingo and cards with many of her friends. She was a volunteer for the Missouri Veterans Home, the American Cancer Society, and many other community organizations. Survivors include her husband, a daughter Debbie Rhodes-Hodge and a son Eddie Rhodes both of Cape, four grandchildren, Hali Lynn Apel (Tobias), Brittany Liegh, Mallory Brooke, and Cameron Taylor Rhodes all of Cape, and one great granddaughter, Kalayah Lynn Apel. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, a brother and two sisters. Visitation will be Friday, June 19, 2009 from 4pm-8pm at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau. There will be a VFW Post 3838 Ladies Aux service at 7pm at the church. Funeral service will be Saturday, June 20, at

11:00am at the church with Rev. Paul Short officiating. Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be sent to SEMO Hospital Foundation for the Cancer Center or SEMO Hospital College of Nursing and Health Sciences Endowment at #60 Dr. Park Suite 102, Cape Girardeau, Mo 63703. Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Dear Pete and family, sorry to hear of your loss. We have been out of town but you have been in our prayers and thoughts. Almareta was a delightful perosn, full of love and life. God be with you all.
Dan/Mary Seyer

Dan/Mary Seyer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I will never forget her. I remember the times my mom (Winnie Nitsch) and Almareta went to Vegas on bowling trips and the fun they shared. Almareta, was always a sweet loving person. Even after my mothers death, when I came up to see my dad, she was always at bingo to give me a hug. We always had a good laugh and smile for each other. I will miss her dearly. So sorry for your lose.
Dede and Stan Rothermich

Dede and Stan Rothermich - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My sympathy to the family.

Joe James - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Mr. Rhodes, Debbie and Eddie, I was very sorry to learn of Mrs. Rhodes passing. She was very kind to me when I was a child and she was particularly kind to Ian which I greatly appreciated. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

Grace McBride - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ my deepest sympathy to the entire Rhodes family...it was a true honor knowing Almaretta. She was truly a great Lady.

gina hooper - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ To the family.....I am soooo sorry to hear of your loss. I talked to her every time she came into Schnucks. I enjoyed all the conversations we had!!! Debbie.... she was always concerned about you and your daughter!!! I hope all is well. I am sorry I didn't make it to the viewing or service.... I seen it online too late!!!! She will be greatly missed!! Diana Palmer

Diana Seyer Palmer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Our thoughts are with you.

Leon and Linda Wiggs - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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DP

“ I remember Mrs Rhodes as a very kind and caring lady. My thoughts and prayers go out to Pete and family. Dale Perry

Dale Perry - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I wish to extend sincere sympathy to Almaretta's family. My husband (Robert Christian) was a cousin of her Mother. I always thought Almaretta was beautiful. God be with you.

Jane Christian - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN SEVERAL YEARS, BUT I REMEMBER HER AS BEING A FUN LADY THAT DIDN'T KNOW A STRANGER! MY HEART GOES OUT TO HER FAMILY.

TRACIE (JOHNSON) MINNER - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I wish to express my sympathy to the Rhodes family. I was a young girl when Pete opened the store on the corner in my subdivison. I have many happy memories of your family. I'm friends with Brittany & Mallory too. I will keep you all in my thoughts & prayers during this painful time.

Aimee Martin - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I met Almaretta playing Bingo many years ago. Every time I saw her she always had a smile for me and was so kind and genuine. I believe she touched the lives of everyone who knew her. I'll miss talking to her. My sincere condolences for your loss.

Kara Sissom - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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RC

“ Eddie, I'm sorry to hear of you and your family's loss. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Ron Cook - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. I know what you are feeling. I lost my mom last July. Call me if you need to talk. Tony

Tony and Angie LaForest - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ June and Almaretta were bingo buddy's she will dearly missed by all. God Bless the Rhodes family! June & Leanis Collier

June & Leanis Collier - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Deb, Pete and family, you have my deepest sympathy...I thought the world of Almaretta, I for one will miss her alot, she was a very sweet lady, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bob Duckworth - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Pete, Debbie, and Eddie - My thoughts and prayers are with you. Almaretta was a beautiful lady, inside and out. (Debbie, you look just like her!) She always had a smile on her face!!!! God bless your family and remember she is walking on streets paved with gold!!!!

Sue Zan Houchins - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ TO THE FAMILY- I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. ALMARETTA WAS SUCH A SWEET PERSON. I LOVED TALKING TO HER AT BINGO. BINGO WILL NOT BE THE SAME WITHOUT HER. PETE, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I WILL KEEP YOU IN MY MY THOUGHTS & PRAYERS.

DENE DRURY - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Pete I just wanted to say how sorry I am for your lose. I enjoyed spending time with both of you doing our little shows. She will be missed. I'm sure she is in a better place now.

Butch Wilkinson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ So sorry to hear of Almaretta's demise... We send our sincere condolences, and sympathy... We know she is in her heavenly home now.... God Bless... Pat

Pat Perry - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Almaretta was more than a volunteer at the Cape Girardeau Missouri Veterans Home. During my nearly 20 years working there, her efforts selling tickets for fund-raising events contributed many thousands of dollars. The items, outings, activities, etc. these dollars paid for contributed many thousands of hours of entertainment and enjoyment for the resident Veterans. Pete, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ken Lipps - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Pete, Debbie, Eddie and family, So sorry to hear your wife/ mother has passed away. We remember her well from the good ole days and what a classy lady she was!! Know that you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers and have peace in knowing she is in a restful and better place. Sincerely, Todd, Mary and Tyler Beussink

Todd and Mary Beussink - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Eddie and family my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Your mother was a very special person.

Robin Williams - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

A(

“ My mother Joy Brown was a long time Friend of Almaretta we lived on Lynwood Dr.the back of our house's faced each other.They both worked at Holiday Inn.My mom passed away March of 03 in arizona.To the Rhodes family I am very sorry for your loss.God Bless

Anthony L. Brown (Tony) - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Almaretta was a wonderful person and a very good friend to my Mom, Martha Ziegler, who passed away earlier this year. The last time I saw Almaretta was on her birthday and she was celebrating with a Crown Royal and playing Bingo. I am sure that her and Mom have already hooked up and are back to playing Bingo together. May she rest in peace.

Debbie Beussink - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Almaretta will be greatly missed by our family. She was a beautiful person inside and out.*

Angel Hahn - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Pete,Debbie,and Eddie, My thoughts and prayers are with you.I shared many laughs, tears,and good conversations and times with Almaretta....they will always be treasured memories.One of the memories I recall was a trip to Vegas..I was there for Hair Show Almaretta and Pete were there on an annual trip.Almaretta wasnt happy with her hairdo (I didnt do her hair as I was on vacation)so we went to the room washed her hair in the bathtub and redid her "do"!That is only one memory and there were many over a span of 36 yrs of friendship.I will miss my dear friend.I am sorry that I am unable to be there to "celebrate" her life with you all...I know she would want all of us to focus on the memories and good times. May God bless,comfort,and give you strength through this 'rough' time. Love and Sympathy Martha*

Martha Dillon - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Almaretta was such a good friend to my father, Byron Dormeyer, visiting him and bringing him some of her pecial recipes. My brother, David Dormeyer, also treasured her friendship, as did I. We visited often when I came to visit next door.*

Angela Dormeyer Bock - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *you have my deepest sympathy. Almaretta was a very nice lady. Debbie, my prayers are with you and your family.*

Cathy Clippard - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM