



Anne B. Tlapek

January 26, 1929 - January 12, 2025

Anne Blanton Tlapek passed peacefully in her sleep from this life into the next Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, at Chateau Girardeau. A kind and generous soul, Anne brought great joy to others and was dearly loved by all who knew her.

She was a woman of unwavering faith, and she lived out that faith through humble acts of kindness and generosity. If you knew Anne, you were more than likely the recipient of a gift, a hug, an encouraging note, supportive prayer or some other gesture of her thoughtfulness. Very simply, Anne had a remarkable capacity for making people feel loved.

Anne was born Jan. 26, 1929, in Cape Girardeau, daughter of Harry C. and Maureen Daily Blanton. She was the granddaughter of Harry J. and Mary Lewis Daily and Charles L. Blanton (past owner/editor of the Daily Sikeston Standard) and Mary Cullen Blanton.

She lived in Sikeston until age 5, when her father was appointed federal district attorney of Eastern Missouri, and the family moved to Webster Groves. Anne graduated from Holy Redeemer Grade School and attended Nerinx Hall High School and graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles in 1947. She graduated cum laude from Maryville College (now Maryville University) with a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1951. She was inducted into Pi Mu Epsilon, an honorary mathematical fraternity, at St. Louis

University. While living in Sikeston, she volunteered at Missouri Delta Medical Center as a Gray Lady and taught Red Cross swimming lessons at the Sikeston public pool. She was an active member of Immaculata Catholic Church in Brentwood.

Anne taught second grade at South Grade School in Sikeston before moving to St. Louis, where she taught second grade at Tillman School in Kirkwood.

On June 23, 1956, Anne married James Patrick "Pat" Tlapek in Sikeston at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Anne and Pat were married 60 years and had six children and 12 grandchildren.

Anne was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau and its Women's Council, where she had been a circle leader. She also participated in the Thursday Afternoon Bible Study, Christmas Bazaar, Banner Committee, Meals on Wheels program and was a volunteer with the School of Religious Education. She was appointed by Bishop Bernard Law to serve as a delegate to the Educations Department of the Missouri Catholic Conference in 1979. She was a member of chapter GF of P.E.O. Sisterhood. She also volunteered for the building fund drive for Saint Francis Hospital in 1967. She and her husband were members of the Southeast Missouri State University Copper Dome Society and Friends of Saint Francis Medical Center. She volunteered at St. Vincent's Grade School and Notre Dame High School. She was a Girl Scout leader for both of her daughters and room mother for most of her children. She enjoyed gardening, reading, swimming, playing bridge and visiting with friends, but most of all, spending time with her family.

Survivors include six children, Mary (Larry) Menefee of Plano, Texas; John (Alicia) Tlapek of Denver, Colorado; David (Catherine) Tlapek of Aliso Viejo, California; Steve (Cheryl) Tlapek of Webster Groves; Bob (Sarah) Tlapek of Cape Girardeau; and Maureen (Pierre) Koshakji of Dallas, Texas.

Grandchildren include Annie Menefee of Dallas; James Patrick "Paddy" Tlapek of Denver; Emily Tlapek, Kathryn Tlapek and Thomas Tlapek of Webster Groves; Elizabeth "Libby" Tlapek and Sean Tlapek of Cape Girardeau; Alexander Koshakji of Dallas; John Patrick Koshakji of Arlington, Virginia; James Koshakji of Fort Worth, Texas; and Grant Koshakji and Andrew Koshakji of Dallas. She is also survived by brothers and sisters-in-law, Lewis and Barbara Blanton, Harry and Jane Blanton and Claire Blanton, as well as many cherished nieces and nephews.

Preceding Anne in death were her husband; her parents; three sisters, Rosemary Barr Quatmann, Patricia Kavanagh and Maureen Klein Graham; and two brothers, John and Joseph Blanton.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Jenifer Edmundson for the loving care she provided Anne during her recent illness.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Parish prayers will follow at 6:30 p.m.

The funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau, with the Rev. Rick Jones officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Parish Prayers

JAN 19. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JAN 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall



“ Your team at Austin Electrical Enclosure purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Anne B. Tlapek.



Your team at Austin Electrical Enclosure - January 24, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Anne B. Tlapek.



January 20, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anne B. Tlapek.

January 20, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, and that I am out of town and unable to attend services. You are in my prayers.*

brad Wittenborn - January 20, 2025 at 06:41 AM

SK

“ As newly-weds in the late 1970's my husband Tom Kavanagh and myself traveled to the Cape along with as many other Kavanagh siblings as would fit in Pat&Dudley's stationwagon. We were to attend Maurine Tlapek's marriage to Pierre Koshakji. Once there Aunt Anne insisted that Tom and I spend the night not in the guest room but in her and Uncle Pat's bedroom! I don't remember where the rest of the out-of-towners stayed, but I considered that gesture to us as the ultimate in welcoming me into the larger family of relatives.

The latest personal incident occurred during the last family reunion in Missouri where our son Tommy incurred some food poisoning on his drive down from Chicago to attend. When Aunt Anne found out that he was in the hospital in St. Louis she contacted Cheryl & Steve who generously offered any assistance and rest at their place until our son felt well enough to return to Chicago.

Such kindnesses obviously populated Anne's daily existence-as evidenced by her obituary and the reminiscences of Pat&Dudley's eleven.

Truly Aunt Anne was the "salt of the earth" kind of lady.

Sandy Kavanagh - January 19, 2025 at 11:58 AM

YW

“ rest in peace anne, lovely lady. mrs harold werner sr[bonnie]

yvonne werner - January 18, 2025 at 11:26 AM

RR

“ Ruth Rutledge purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Anne B. Tlapek.



Ruth Rutledge - January 17, 2025 at 07:19 PM

AS

“ *Sending love and prayers!*”



ATP Napa Heber Springs - January 15, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Anne B. Tlapek.*”



January 15, 2025 at 03:39 PM

AC

“ *All our love, the Kavanagh cousins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Anne B. Tlapek.*”



All our love, the Kavanagh cousins - January 15, 2025 at 03:14 PM

AC

“ *All our love, the Kavanagh cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne B. Tlapek.*”

All our love, the Kavanagh cousins - January 15, 2025 at 03:14 PM

JH

“ I am sorry for your loss. I was Anne and Pats next door neighbor on Themis Street. She was a very kind person that will be missed.

John Hodges - January 15, 2025 at 02:25 PM

CD

“ John and Alicia,
I was so sorry to hear of John's moms passing. I know how important she was to the entire Tlapek family and the role she played as a source of love and strength for all of you. I hope all your wonderful memories bring you peace during this time and the future. Thinking of you and sending love your way -
Circe

Circe Diggs - January 15, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Rest in peace, my dear Aunt Anne. You were one of the sweetest, kindest, most generous people I have ever known. I will miss you greatly. My prayers are with your children and grandchildren.

Matt Blanton - January 15, 2025 at 12:11 PM

TF

“ The Mehner Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Anne B. Tlapek.



The Mehner Family - January 15, 2025 at 11:49 AM