



## Anola Burris Gill Bowerman

September 3, 1927 - March 9, 2017

Anola Burris Gill Bowerman, 89, left this life March 9, 2017 to join other family members. Daughter of Robert L. and Amy Kirk Burris she was born September 3, 1927 in Ware, IL. Nicknamed “mouse” she married Harry Gill Sept. 25, 1946 in Cape Girardeau where she lived most of her adult life.

A member of Old St Vincent’s/St Mary’s Cathedral she was a past member of the Alter Sodality, Daughters of Isabell and VFW Ladies Auxiliary. After Harry’s death, she was a founding member of Parents Without Partners where she met and married Ralph Bowerman. They moved to Alton, IL and managed the kitchen for the Alton Motor Boat Club, later moving back home. Ralph preceded her in death in 2006.

Anola’s outlook on life, great sense of humor, and loving family got her through the many tragedies she endured. Staying active with hard work and gardening kept her going strong for many years.

Anola and Harry were blessed with 10 children. When her health started failing, a daughter, Patricia Dokich, moved in to help care for her the past 9 years. She was always grateful for the love and care from Patricia and others of her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include children Hugh (Sue) Gill, Harry Gill, Anola (Mike) Stowick,

Martha (Tom) Hamilton, Jeannie (Bill) Hinck and Patricia Dokich as well as missing daughter Elizabeth "Beth" Gill and step children, Linda (Ralph) Mueller and Lindsey Bowerman. Also 34 grandchildren and great-grandchildren and siblings, Gilbert Burris and Carole Glasson.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death, by Harry Gill, Ralph Bowerman; daughters, Laura Whittaker, Mary Grimes and son J. Patrick Gill along with 6 siblings.

We grieve not for Anola who's suffering is over, but for family and friends who will forever have a vacant place in our hearts.

Visitation will be at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel from 5-7pm on Monday, March 13, 2017 with parish prayers at 7 pm.

Funeral mass will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at Old St Vincent's Catholic Church, downtown Cape Girardeau.

Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Morgan Nick Foundation for Missing Children, Alma, AR.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1313  
[info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

## Parish Prayers

MAR 13. 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
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## Funeral Mass

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Martha, Jeannie and family. So sorry to hear about your loss. Moms are so special to us as they demonstrate the love of God to us in such profound ways. May you be comforted by memories of your mom and be blessed knowing you will meet again.*  
*Donna Davis Nelson Komorech*

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**Donna Davis Nelson Komorech** - March 21, 2017 at 04:12 PM

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“ *I have know "Hank" since I was 17 years old. She taught me how to be a waitress and cook at my dad's restaurant Big Don's BBQ along with Mary Gill Grimes. She raised beautiful girls into beautiful women who mean the world to me.*



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**Pamela McQuay- Grimes** - March 13, 2017 at 10:01 PM

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“ *To Aunt Anola's Family*

*I'm sorry for your loss. I'll never forget Aunt Anola's kindness to me.*

*Sincerely*

*Pat Gill Heitmeyer*



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**Pat Heitmeyer** - March 13, 2017 at 02:57 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Anola Burris Gill Bowerman.*



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March 13, 2017 at 02:21 PM



“ *To Martha and all of Anola's family and friends, I am so sorry for your loss. May Anola, from heaven, guide you to your answer. Praying for you all.*



*Maureen Reintjes*

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**Mo Reintjes** - March 11, 2017 at 05:51 PM



“ *Martha, Jeannie, Tricia and family...Mark and I are truly saddened. I have so many wonderful memories of my dear friend Nola. Playing darts, dancing, picnics. I could go on and on. We had the honor of being at her wedding to Ralph on the 4th of July. Befitting for a lady who was herself a firecracker! I admired her strength, humor and all around goodness more than anyone I know. I was truly privileged to have known her.*

*Donna and Mark Hetherington*

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**Donna Hetherington** - March 11, 2017 at 10:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anola Burris Gill Bowerman.*



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March 11, 2017 at 10:36 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Anola Burris Gill Bowerman.*



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March 10, 2017 at 06:26 PM