



Barbara Elaine Grossheider Venz

November 22, 1941 - September 22, 2017

Barbara Elaine Grossheider Venz, 75, passed away quietly Friday, Sept. 22, 2017, at the Villas at Canterbury in Cumming, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Her family was at her side.

Barbara was born Nov. 22, 1941, in Cape Girardeau to Alvin and Elsie Grossheider. She was the last of eight girls born to the family. They were Edina, Lorene, Ruth, Francis and Roberta. Two sisters, Eleanor Haman and Jean McHenry, live in Cape Girardeau.

Barbara graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with a bachelor's degree in education. She received a master's degree in education from the University of Missouri in Columbia. Barbara taught in high schools in St. Louis and Jefferson City. She also taught computer science at William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri.

Barbara and family moved to Atlanta, where she worked as a senior manager for a large telecom company where she retired. She then moved to South Carolina, where she enjoyed gardening, boating and square dancing.

She married Gary Venz on June 30, 1962, in Cape Girardeau. Gary survives at the home.

She also is survived by her daughter, Susan (Steve) O'Neill of Atlanta; son, Steven (Susan Derwin) Venz of Sherman Oaks, California; and four grandchildren, Taylor and Ryan O'Neill and Allison and Daniel Venz.

A memorial service will be Saturday, November 18th at 11:00 a.m. at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel with visitation one hour prior. Interment will be in Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Barbara Elaine Grossheider Venz*.



November 17, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ *Love Jim, Jaime, Flynn and Jerry, Betsy, Ashley* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of *Barbara Elaine Grossheider Venz*.



Love Jim, Jaime, Flynn and Jerry, Betsy, Ashley - November 16, 2017 at 01:06 PM



“ *Lance, Kelly, Nathan & Kate Cropp* purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of *Barbara Elaine Grossheider Venz*.



Lance, Kelly, Nathan & Kate Cropp - November 14, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Elaine Grossheider Venz.*



November 10, 2017 at 08:03 AM



“ *Gary J. Venz purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Barbara Elaine Grossheider Venz.*



Gary J. Venz - November 06, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Elaine Grossheider Venz.*



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