



Barbara I. Anderson

May 11, 2012

Barbara Imogene (Peerman) Anderson, 91, of Cape Girardeau died Friday May 11, 2012 at Saint Francis Medical Center. Barbara was born May 7, 1921 and raised deep in the bootheel of Southeast Missouri, in the small rural town of Risco. "The Risco Princess" spent her youth along with older brother, Leonard, at the home place along ditch eight on a 240 acre cotton farm. Barbara graduated from Risco High School in the class of 1939, and then attended Southeast Missouri State Teachers college 1939-1940. She also graduated from Sanders Business College in Poplar Bluff and later completed Thayer Beauty College in Columbia, Missouri. Barbara and G.L. ("Andy") Anderson were married November 23, 1941 in Malden, Missouri two weeks before Pearl Harbor. Answering the call of duty, Barbara and G.L. traveled the southwest earning G.L.'s flight wings and obtained single engine, multiple engine B-24 and B-17 credentials. Settling in Hobbs, New Mexico, Barbara held down the home front while her husband performed his duties as a flight instructor for the Army-Air Core until the end of the war. Close to the end of their tour of duty, Barbara and G.L.'s first son, Ronald Lee, was born in nearby Lubbock, Texas. As the country began the post war transition back to peacetime; Barbara and G.L. built the first of three homes, establishing their family in Cape Girardeau. In 1950 Barbara gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Carmen Theresa, as mother and wife she continued to support her husband in his entrepreneurial endeavors. In February of 1955 Barbara gave birth to her youngest son, a strapping blond, curly headed, streaking baby boy, Brian

Leslie. As Life has its ebb-n-tides, Barbara's life experiences were filled with events that would both bless her and test her resolve. Barbara lost her beloved father, Everett Leslie Peerman 1959, then her dear mother, Elenora Theresa 1965, her brother Leonard Peerman 1978, as well as her husband, affectionately named by her as, "Puud", in 1971 and darling granddaughter, Tara Huckstep in 1989. Through it all, Barbara's resourcefulness landed her in the position of secretary for the Missouri Department of Revenue, Cape Girardeau Office until her retirement in 1999. Beyond the joy of raising her family and the time spent with friends, her proudest accomplishment was the organization and the establishing of the inner office procedures within the Department of Revenue's Field Audit Bureau here in Cape. Barbara's outside interests were playing her clarinet, piano, bowling, crocheting, knitting and oil painting. Also, the making of her home made lemon meringue pies and chocolate chip cookies with pecans. Yum! As a Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, Barbara left behind a rich and blessed life well lived and a family heritage to be honored and remembered. She is survived by her son Ron and wife Karey Anderson, Grants Pass, OR., son Brian Anderson, West Palm Beach, FL., daughter Carmen and husband Gordon Huckstep Cape Girardeau, MO. Grandchildren: Sarah and husband Chad Crutchfield, Colorado Springs, CO., Jason Anderson, Las Vegas, NV., Holly and husband Gregg Judkins, Zachary and wife Blair Huckstep, both of Cape Girardeau, MO., Ashley Anderson, Stockton, CA. Great Grand Children: Immanuel, Elim and Ezra Crutchfield, Aidan Anderson, Benjamin and Hattie Judkins, Rhett and Asher Huckstep. Sister in Laws: Joyce Peerman, Jackson, MO. and Bonnie Sanders, Delray Beach, FL. As one more of our "Greatest Generations" passes, there will be a vacuum backfilled with memories for all of us left behind. We are thankful that she was our mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Now Mom, you know you can be still and know He is your God, Miss you big time. LOVE, The Family Visitation will be held Tuesday, May 15, 2012 from 4:00 to 8:00pm at Ford & Son's Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with Parish Prayers at 7:00pm. Funeral Mass will be held

Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 10:00 am at Old St. Vincent's Church with Father David Hulshof officiating. Internment will follow at Saint Mary's Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

RD

“ Carmen--I just discovered that your Mother had passed away as I was looking for another obituary. After all these years since "Vernon Street" I still remember your mom. I am sorry to hear of her passing.

Roseann DesChamp Dover - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ I used to work with Barb when I was employee with the state. She was a very kind and caring person who always made my day a lot brighter. - Kenny (or "Eakens" as Barb use to refer to the men in our office by calling us by our last names).

Kenneth Eakens - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. I did not have the opportunity to know Ms. Anderson personally, but I do know the pain of losing someone as important as a mom. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever, and wipe the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful day that will be!

K. Jackson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Mrs. Anderson was my "other mother" growing up on Cape Rock & Crestwood in the 60's. Her smile always made you feel valued. She was a great lady and a blessing to all her knew her.

Roxanne Huckstep - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Carmen sounds like your mom had a great life God Bless.*

David Gaither - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

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