



## Barbara A. McClanahan

August 29, 1942 - March 7, 2020

Barbara Ann Cossou McClanahan, 77 years of Cape Girardeau, passed away Saturday, March 7, 2020 at her home surrounded by loved ones, following a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia.

Barbara was born August 29, 1942 to Richard Clyde and Iva Lois McDaniel Cossou in Saginaw, Michigan.

Barbara and Jerry W. McClanahan eloped to Shawneetown, Ill on February 20, 1960 and recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Mrs. McClanahan was a 1960 graduate of Bell City High School and continued her education as a non-traditional student at Southeast Missouri State University. There she would receive her Master's Degree in Education. She then started her twenty-eight year career as a speech and language pathologist with Cape Girardeau Public Schools, retiring in 2003.

Barbara was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, a former member of Zonta Club, and a homebound meal delivery volunteer for Cape Senior Center for many years. When she had free time on her hands, Barbara enjoyed playing Bridge with her "Giggles" Bridge Group, ballroom dancing with her husband, and making precious memories with her family.

She is survived by her husband, her mother, two sons, Kennek Scott and wife Susan (Kinsey) of Cape Girardeau, Randall Collin and wife Lisa (Fluegge) of Gordonville, four grandchildren K. Ross McClanahan and wife Anna (Ryberg) of Columbia, MO, Lexie E. McClanahan of Denver, CO, Troy-Lee C.

McClanahan (Rachel Elder), and Lauren E. McClanahan of Gordonville, and

her beloved Border Collie, Phoebe.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel as well as one hour prior to the funeral service. Funeral services will be Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Eric Schmidt of Grace United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Advance, Missouri following the service.

Pallbearers will be Ross McClanahan, Troy-Lee McClanahan, Mike Cossou, Marty Hutcheson, Danny Kutz, and Joe Sorrells.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of gifts to Heifer Project International, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202 or Grace United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill Cemetery - Advance

Highway 00  
Advance, MO 63730

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Visitation

MAR 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Service

MAR 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Barb, my dear friend and colleague, may you rest peacefully. Your friendship and guidance meant everything to me as we worked together championing our students. Those were the days, my friend! You are in my heart, dear lady!* ❤️

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**Jan Finch** - August 07, 2020 at 11:58 PM

DD

“ *The Missouri Jaycees and Missouri JCI Senate send our condolences to the McClanahan family.*

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**Dave DeLaney** - April 27, 2020 at 05:30 PM

RW

“ *Jerry,  
So sorry to year of Barbara's passing. Know that you and your family are in our Prayers.  
Ray & Ada Wheeler*

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**Ray Wheeler** - March 14, 2020 at 10:54 AM

KW

“ *Jerry - I am so sorry to hear about Barb's passing. You both have made an impact in my life more than you can imagine. I won't be able to make it to the service, but know that I am thinking of and praying for you.*

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**Katy Wondel** - March 11, 2020 at 07:44 PM

AC

“ Jerry, Scott and family, please know our prayers are with you all at this tough time. Our memories of Barb from school and church are sweet ones! May God bring you peace and strength ! Willie and Ann Cunningham

Ann Cunningham - March 11, 2020 at 04:45 PM

AB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. She will be greatly missed. We always enjoyed visiting with her, always had a great smile. God bless all of you. Glen & Alice Birk

Alice Birk - March 11, 2020 at 02:33 PM

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“ The BCHS Class of 1960 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Barbara A. McClanahan.



The BCHS Class of 1960 - March 10, 2020 at 11:36 AM

MT

“ Martha and Terry purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Barbara A. McClanahan.



Martha and Terry - March 10, 2020 at 10:17 AM

TB

“ *The gang at River City Biologicals purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Barbara A. McClanahan.*



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**The gang at River City Biologicals** - March 09, 2020 at 02:52 PM

SS

“ *Steven Barks and Elenore Salazar purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Barbara A. McClanahan.*



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**Steven Barks and Elenore Salazar** - March 08, 2020 at 04:41 PM




“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Barbara A. McClanahan.*



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March 08, 2020 at 12:32 PM

 Clinton Ticer

“ *I will always remember Barb's laugh, she always had a full belly laugh and it showed how much joy she felt. I will miss being able to sit around the table telling stories. Love you Barb. Clint, Aimee and Emilie*

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**Clinton Ticer** - March 08, 2020 at 12:16 PM

JJ

*Jerry I just learned of Barb's passing today. I am very sorry for your loss as I know she was a very special person. Please extend our sincere condolences to your family.*

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**Jackie Johnson** - March 11, 2020 at 11:08 PM