



## Barbara Osborne

January 4, 1931 - June 21, 2025

Barbara Jean Osborne, 94, of Cape Girardeau went to her heavenly home Saturday, June 21, 2025.

Barbara was born Jan. 4, 1931, in Marion County, Illinois, to Ed and Ethel Luttrell Hodge. She was the third oldest of nine siblings.

She and Don Edward Osborne married on Dec. 1, 1954, and celebrated 46 years of marriage before Don's passing.

Barbara was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau. She was a dedicated Sunday school teacher, vacation Bible school teacher and taught children about missions. She spent many summers cooking food for campers at Peaceful Valley. Barbara was also involved and held leadership roles in the Women's Missions Union.

She cooked meals for the disaster relief team in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Barbara also went on mission trips to Malawi, Africa, and Belarus, Russia. She loved Jesus and wanted everyone to know Him as their personal Savior. She often said, "Without Jesus, I am nothing."

Barbara enjoyed shopping, a good cup of coffee, making delicious chocolate meringue and coconut cream pies, and making beautiful quilts for loved ones.

She took lots of pride in providing a warm and loving home to share with all of her family.

Barbara and Don started a business, Osburne Office Equipment, in October 1972. She was a dedicated office manager and teammate to her husband. She and Don were grateful for being blessed with a successful business and because of that, felt a responsibility to be generous in helping others in need.

Survivors include her sons, Don Allen Osborne (Chereyl) and Jeff Osborne; daughters, Candice Brazil and Crystal Bartusch; a sister, Karen Whipple; brothers, Gary Hodge (Sherri), Larry Hodge (Nina) and Ronnie Hodge; eight grandchildren, Justin Osborne (Ann), Lindsey Hutson (Chris), Ashely Katerberg (Justin), Jake Brazil, McKenzey Bartusch, Zachary Smolak, Avery Smolak, and Max Smolak; seven great grandchildren, Jack Hutson, Owen Osborne, Kate Hutson, Ellie Osborne, Juliette Osborne, Will Osborne, and Isla Katerberg. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, who were very dear to her.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Don Osborne; son, Matthew Osborne; parents, Ed Hodge and Ethel Coyer; brothers, Billy Ray Hodge and Charles Hodge; and sisters, Judy Debora and Willadene Ward.

In the most sacred moments of life, it takes extraordinary people to offer comfort, dignity and peace. Barbara's family would like to express their sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the incredible staff and caregivers at Legacy Hospice and Comfort Care. Their compassion, kindness and presence brought not only comfort to Barbara but also to her family.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 28, at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at noon at the funeral home, with Dr. Shawn Wasson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Bethany Baptist Church.

Online condolences can be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BO

“ I just now come across Barb’s obituary. I am so sorry for your loss. She was such a privilege to know. Working for her and your dad was one of the best memories in my work history. They were such kind and caring people and generous to a fault. She was a very patient and had a way of making you feel comfortable and never afraid to ask questions and never intimidating. Occasionally I still run across something I got while working for you all. One was a business card and I still have an umbrella and brief case ( that I still use occasionally) a letter opener. So I have thought of you all often throughout the years. Live and prayers for all of you. Brenda Orr

Brenda Orr - July 08, 2025 at 09:42 PM

CB

“ Barbara was a sweetheart. I’m glad I had the opportunity to know her.

Christy Bollinger - July 01, 2025 at 04:36 PM

LF

“ Larry, Nina, Rachel, Sarah and families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Osborne.



Larry, Nina, Rachel, Sarah and families - June 26, 2025 at 01:52 PM

DA

“ *Doris A. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Osborne.*



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**Doris A.** - June 26, 2025 at 12:40 PM

MF

“ *Mary Alice, Jessie, Lora & Families purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Barbara Osborne.*



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**Mary Alice, Jessie, Lora & Families** - June 25, 2025 at 07:06 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Osborne.*



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June 24, 2025 at 07:23 PM

AO

“ My “Momo” was the best grandma you could hope for. Love you Momo, Thanks for teaching me so much. I’m glad Isla got to spend time with you.



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**Ashley Osborne** - June 24, 2025 at 06:55 PM

JH

“ Barbara was a remarkable lady and truly a blessing to all whose lives she touched.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Sincerest Sympathy.  
Joan and Greg Howard

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**Joan Howard** - June 24, 2025 at 05:23 PM