



Ben Emerson Rickard

April 18, 2012

Ben Emerson Rickard, 76, of Cape Girardeau, MO, died Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at her home in Cape Girardeau, MO. She was born April 30, 1935 in Cape Girardeau, MO to Emory Mason and Clessen Bledsoe Emerson . She and Marion Jack Rickard Sr. were married November 28, 1953 at Scott City, Missouri. Mrs. Rickard was a 1952 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Cape Girardeau, now Notre Dame High School. She was involved in the community throughout her life and was named the Cape Girardeau Jaycees Outstanding Young Woman in 1966-1967. A member of St. Vincent's Catholic Church, Mrs. Rickard ran the Kiwanis Learn to Swim program at Cape Municipal Pool in the 1970s, was a stroke judge for the Cape Swim Team, was a Girl Scout Leader, assisted in the major fundraising effort for the Otaki Girl Scout Council's Cherokee Ridge and was a member of the Four Seasons Garden Club. Mrs. Rickard earned her associate's degree in nursing in 1973 and her bachelor's degree in 1980, both from Southeast Missouri State University. She was a nurse at both St. Francis Medical Center and Southeast Missouri Hospital until 1988. She and her husband operated Jack Rickard Masonry Co. from 1967 until 1997. He preceded her in death in July 2005. She is survived by three sons: Marion Jack Rickard Jr. (Jill), Cape Girardeau; Thomas I. Rickard, Friendswood, Texas; and Andrew Emerson Rickard (Odella), Midland, Texas; two daughters, Patricia Ben Burnett, St. Louis; and Carole Mason Rickard Hedden (Cole), Alexandria, VA.; a brother, Joseph Emerson, Green Valley, AZ.; 16 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be tonight, Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 4-8pm with parish prayers at 7pm at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10am at the Old St. Vincent's Catholic Church in downtown Cape with the Rev. Tom Kiefer officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Old St. Vincent's Church.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Carole, Kate, Chloe and Coleman- our sincere thoughts with all of you at this time...especially you Carole. It was a beautiful photo of your mom in the paper, along with the nice article. I'll call you when we are home again and hopefully give you a big hug. Bon and Les*

Bonnifer & Les Schweizer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *I knew Ben back in the early 90's while attending a local meeting. She was funny, friendly and very kind. I am so sorry that she has passed away. The world is a lesser place for it. I am grateful that I got to know her for a little while. My deepest condolences go to her friends and family.*

Jena Wilson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Tom, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your mother. Your family will be in our prayers. Sincerely, Louis and Karen Faucheux*

Louis Faucheux - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. Peace, Prayers, and Blessings...*

connie bedell - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Jack, Patti, Carole, Tom & Andy - thinking of you all and offering prayers for you and Aunt Ben. I will be attending Mass here in California tomorrow morning in honor of Aunt Ben.

Joanne Emerson Laus - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ May your memories of Ben be as joyful as those we have of her and your dad. We enjoyed their visits to Midland especially at Christmas. She was always happy and lovely to talk to. Best advise she gave me was when praying, pray for all the good things in your life every morning, no matter how small, it will start your day with much hope no matter your problems.

Suzanne & David Hughes - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My heart is with you all. Remember the love and laughter you all shared as a family. May your hearts be lifted as you honor Ben. Love to the family!

Karen Retzloff - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

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AT

“ Tom, my deepest sympathies for you and your family for this tragic loss.

Andy Trawick - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Carole, I am thinking of you and wishing you strength and comfort in the days ahead. Remember the good times with your folks, and I look forward to seeing you in June. Love, Cheryl

Cheryl Hedden - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Carole, Cole and family: My heart is with you. Hugs, Cheryl

Cheryl Batchelor - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Carol & Family Thoughts are with you at this time on the loss of your mother. With deepest sympathy, Lydia & Gerard (AvWeek)

Lydia & Gerard - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Patti, Carole, Jack, Tommy and Andy - my sincere condolences on the loss of your Mother. Even though I can't be with you at this time, you and your families are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Shepard Rawlins - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I am so sorry to hear about your mother. She was a great lady and I always enjoyed my visits with her. She was so caring with the family when my mother passed away. I am sure you all have plenty of great memories of her to last you a lifetime. You all are in our prayers.

Cathie and Ronnie Larmie - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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RF

“ so very sorry to hear of the lost of a beloved member of our emerson family. i fondly recall ben elizabeth visits to mother and daddy (jim mac & ava) at morley. i hoped i would grow up as beautiful as she.

reda ann emerson frohock - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM