



Bessie Wileen McElyea

January 10, 1922 - August 2, 2016

Bessie Wileen McElyea, 94, of Cape Girardeau died Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at The Lutheran Home.

She was born Tuesday, January 10, 1922 in Sikeston, Missouri to Marvin and Lena Godwin Hill.

She and Odell McElyea were married Saturday, December 27, 1941 at Matthews, Missouri. He preceded her in death in 1996.

Bessie worked as a cook and a waitress in various restaurants, including Lambert's Cafe in Sikeston.

She moved to Cape Girardeau from Sacramento, California in 2004.

She attended St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

Bessie loved jigsaw puzzles, coloring, and playing cards.

Survivors include two sons, Ron McElyea of Sacramento, California and Stan McElyea of Lathrop, California; one daughter, Brenda Payton of Columbia, Tennessee; sister, Betty (Lloyd) Roth of Cape Girardeau; two sisters-in-law, Mozella Heuring of Sikeston and Barbara Hill of Cape Girardeau; 10

grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Willis, Charles, John, and Bill Hill; and grandson, Sean McElyea.

Friends may call noon to 2:00 PM on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Thursday, August 4, 2016 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Mark Martin officiating.

Burial will be at Sierra Hills Memorial Park in Sacramento, California.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Shriners Hospitals For Children, 2001 S. Lindbergh Blvd., Saint Louis, MO 63131.

Cemetery Details

Sierra Hills Memorial Park

5757 Greenback Lane
Sacramento, CA 95841

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

AUG 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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