



Betty Brunkhorst

April 2, 1941 - December 21, 2023

Betty Lou Brunkhorst, 82, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed away peacefully in her sleep early Thursday, December 21, 2023 at her home.

Betty was born April 2, 1941 in Festus, Missouri to George and Velma Basler, the second of three children. Raised in a Christian home, Betty was taught the word of God and developed a close relationship with God which carried her through her life. She graduated from Festus High School in 1958.

On August 15, 1959, Betty married her high school sweetheart, Gene Brunkhorst. They moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, then settled in Cape Girardeau, Missouri in 1962.

Betty lovingly and proudly embodied the role of homemaker. She raised four sons, with the help of Gene, and she created a beautiful home for her family. One of Betty's favorite things to do was to capture the precious moments spent with her family in photographs.

During her life, Betty read, studied, and lived the Word of God. She taught Sunday School and a Youth Group. She led several women's prayer groups and a college Bible study.

Over the years, Betty moved with love and grace from being mother to

grandmother. And through it all, her faith in God never wavered.

Betty simply called herself a Christian. Throughout Betty's life, her spiritual journey led her to join several Christian denominations. For the last few years, Betty was a member of LaCroix Church.

Ultimately, it was the powerful and life changing teachings of Jesus Christ which Betty followed, taught, and lived.

Betty was best known, not only for being a strong woman of God, but for her beautiful smile.

Her smile and sparkling eyes would always light up a room. The Source of her Light and Sparkle clearly came from the Light and Love of God dwelling deep within Betty.

Survivors include her husband, Gene Brunkhorst; three sons, Derek Brunkhorst (George Sablich) of Cape Girardeau, MO, Brett Brunkhorst (Casmira Brunkhorst) of O Fallon, MO, Blaine Brunkhorst (Beth Brunkhorst) of Cape Girardeau, MO; and seven grandchildren, Peyton Brunkhorst, Zachary Brunkhorst, Calvin Brunkhorst, Addison Brunkhorst, Elizabeth Brunkhorst, Elizabeth Brunkhorst-Sablich, Matthew Brunkhorst; and her sister, Jackie Michael of Festus, MO.

She was preceded in death by father, George Basler; mother, Velma Basler; son, Cory Gene Brunkhorst; and older brother, George Basler.

Visitation will be 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home Mt. Auburn in Cape Girardeau

Funeral Ceremony will be at 12:00 pm Thursday, December 28, 2023 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home Mt. Auburn in Cape with Rev. Dr. Fred Burgard and Rev. Dr. Fred Poston officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Adult & Teen Challenge Mid-America

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

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

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

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1313
info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Ceremony

DEC **28**. 12:00 PM.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home Mt. Auburn

Tribute Wall



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Betty Brunkhorst.



December 27, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony* was purchased for the family of Betty Brunkhorst.



December 27, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Betty Brunkhorst.



December 27, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ From: Karydan Milestone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Brunkhorst.

Karydan Milestone - December 27, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Brunkhorst.*



December 27, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Brunkhorst.*



December 27, 2023 at 01:13 PM



“ *Jim and Laurie Greer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Brunkhorst.*

Jim and Laurie Greer - December 27, 2023 at 01:13 PM



“ *Sincerely, Chester Shaw and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Brunkhorst.*

Sincerely, Chester Shaw and family - December 27, 2023 at 12:29 PM

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“ Sincerely, Chester Shaw and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Betty Brunkhorst.



Sincerely, Chester Shaw and family - December 27, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty Brunkhorst.



December 26, 2023 at 08:50 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Brunkhorst.



December 26, 2023 at 03:40 PM

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“ Betty&Gene We can't remember one without thinking of the other. Our friendship goes back so far. Our children were in a band at Maranatha. Betty had a Bible study in her home that I went to and grew closer to the Lord. Betty and Gene stood with us through some traumatic challenges. We knew we could count on them, no matter what. Betty to us, was a beautiful SOUL. She lived her Christian faith out in real life and shared Christ's love with the rest of us. We'll miss her deeply. But, we look forward to our heavenly reunion. Connie & Wayne

Robert Wayne Nessler - December 26, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Brunkhorst.



December 26, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Brunkhorst.



December 26, 2023 at 12:59 PM

JB

“ John & Cyndi Brockmeier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Brunkhorst.

John & Cyndi Brockmeier - December 26, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *My sympathy to a wonderful Christian family.* ”

Gerald Richards - December 23, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Brunkhorst.* ”



December 23, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ *A life well lived is a life well remembered. And that is truly Betty.* ”

Michael Hogan - December 23, 2023 at 07:28 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Betty Brunkhorst.* ”



December 22, 2023 at 05:23 PM