



## Betty Gene Cato

November 28, 1926 - August 7, 2018

Betty Gene Cato, 91, of Cape Girardeau passed away Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at Chateau Girardeau Health Center.

She was born November 28, 1926 in Greenbrier, Missouri to the late Clyde and Pearl Watkins Corbin. She and Dale W. Cato were married July 21, 1945 at Brownwood, Missouri. He preceded her in death April 8, 1987.

Betty had worked at Howard's Athletic Store and Hartfords Ladies Store. Betty was a member of Grace United Methodist Church since 1956. She was a member of the Rasche Sunday School Class and United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the SEMO Basketball Boosters Club, VFW Post 3838 Auxiliary and American Legion Post 63 Auxiliary. Betty was a volunteer at the Veterans Home for many years.

Loving survivors include her daughter, Pat (James) Allen of Cape Girardeau; sons, David (Debbie) Cato of Cape Girardeau and Roger (Carolyn) Cato of Little Rock, Arkansas; granddaughters, Tracie (Michael) Beckmann of O'Fallon, Missouri, Heather Cato of Olympia, Washington and Christina (Jeremy) Snyder of Lake St. Louis, Missouri; two great-grandsons, Carter Beckmann of O'Fallon and Spencer Snyder of Lake St. Louis. She is also survived by one sister, Willodean (Ray) Lloyd of Advance, Missouri; and several nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Dale; and brothers, Paul, Claude, Harold and Hubert Corbin; and sisters, Gavada (Ivan) Woodfin and Joan (Harold) Cole.

Friends may call 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 2:00 pm Sunday, August 12, 2018 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Eric Schmidt officiating.

Burial will be at Morgan Memorial Park in Advance, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be given to Grace United Methodist Church or Missouri Veterans Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Morgan Memorial Park

Advance, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

AUG 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

BY

“ Pat, David, and Roger, we were so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Such a great person and neighbor from one of the Stoddard boys. Your mom was so nice to serve when you needed clothes from Howard's and had a servants heart. Blessings to your family with the loss of your mother, but cherish all the great memories of your time spent with her and your father. She is in a much better place now!

*Bryan Young*

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**Bryan Young** - August 15, 2018 at 10:12 AM

BH

“ My deepest sympathy to David, Debbie, and all of Betty's family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Barbara Hess** - August 12, 2018 at 03:28 PM

JE

“ Pat, David, and Roger, we were so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I have special fond memories of her and Dale. They were so faithful to bring your grandparents (our Uncle Bud and Aunt Valley) to see our mom in Arkansas. We always looked forward to their visits. She and Dale came to see Vernon and me in North Little Rock when Roger was stationed here at Jacksonville. They were a special couple. Just know our hearts are with you as you grieve your tremendous loss. So sorry we will not be able to attend the services, but our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Jeannie (Hinkle) and Vernon Eagan

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**Joyce Eagan** - August 11, 2018 at 05:00 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty Gene Cato.*



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August 11, 2018 at 10:25 AM



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



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August 10, 2018 at 05:37 PM



“ *We had so many wonderful memories of Betty and Dale and Pat, David and Roger from living next door for over 30 years. We couldn't have asked for better neighbors, especially when we moved to Cape from KC and didn't know anyone in Cape. Prayers for all of Betty's family.*

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**Beverly Strohmeyet** - August 09, 2018 at 06:12 PM

JP

“ Betty was a wonderful person and will be missed. I am so thankful I had the pleasure of taking care of her and getting to know her. My condolences to the family. I went and visited Betty, and her roommate Mary, just a couple of weeks ago. She was such a wonderful, Christian lady. I had missed them a lot since I left Chateau Girardeau. Please know you are all in my prayers. I am sure she is dancing and walking around in heaven now, moving those arms and no longer sitting in a chair. Thank you Betty for making such a good impression on life.



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**Jacky Piercey** - August 09, 2018 at 04:43 PM

GI

“ To the Cato Family-  
I am so sorry for your loss. Betty was such a sweet lady and she always took time to stop and talk with people at church. I don't think I ever passed her without her asking how I was doing and just to say hi. I know she will be missed but hope all the wonderful memories will help during this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Greg Illers

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**GREG Illers** - August 09, 2018 at 08:21 AM

RW

“ Pat, David, and Roger your mother was one of those special ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary. I have many memories of both your parents as we grew up in the 1950s and the 1960s at the many yearly events at the American Legion Hall on Broadway and the 4th of July picnics at the Arena Park. Your mother was one of the first visitors at our home when my father, John Heimbaugh passed. Your mother and I shared some memories the last time we saw each other. She was a dear friend of my mother, Alberta Heimbaugh. I know your family have many sweet memories. Her beautiful legacy will live on through you all. May God's peace comfort you.

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**Rita Heimbaugh Weber** - August 09, 2018 at 02:00 AM

KC

“ I am so sorry to read about Betty's passing. I remember her fondly from her time at Howard's. My prayers for her family.  
Kathy Howard Carter

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**Kathy Carter** - August 08, 2018 at 05:45 PM