



Betty Jane (Oberheide) Dunklin

June 28, 1920 - November 12, 2016

Betty Jane Oberheide Dunklin passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Chateau Girardeau. She was 96 years old. Betty was born on June 28, 1920 in Cape Girardeau to Leona Hasslinger Oberheide and Walter Henry Oberheide.

She graduated from Central High School and attended State College (Southeast Missouri State University). Betty graduated from University of Missouri–Columbia, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. During college, she obtained her private pilot's license. She shared a story that neither of her parents would fly with her and would only watch from the safety of the ground. During World War II, she was drafted to serve as a civilian air traffic controller in Kansas City at the Fairfax Airport. During her stay in Kansas City, she ran into a Central High School classmate, Maurice "Dunk" Dunklin, as he was flying home for a sabbatical with the Army Air Corps. They were married February 18, 1945 at the First Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau. Betty and Dunk briefly lived away from Cape Girardeau due to his Army Air Corps commitment but soon returned to family and friends in Cape.

Betty was an accomplished gardener. Her azaleas at the longtime family home on Alta Vista Drive were well known as some of the best in town. Betty was also an avid golfer and a longtime member of the Cape Girardeau

Country Club. Betty and Dunk took numerous golf trips over the years with good friends and wintered in Clearwater, Florida for many years. Betty was involved in the Girl Scout organization as a leader. She was a 50+year member of First Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau and a member of Chapter BI PEO.

Some of Betty's closest friends, the River Girls, were a group of women that made numerous trips to Current River to the cabin belonging to Mary Lou Montgomery. The women, including Mary Lou, Pat Seabaugh, Mary Spitzmiller, Cathryn Adams, Mary Frances Bucher, and Mary Blue floated, played cards, and made great memories over the years.

Betty and Dunk were members of the SEMO Copper Dome Society and have an endowed yearly scholarship in their name that is given to a student in need.

She is survived by her three daughters Judy Hoeh (Leo Jr.) of Riverdale Georgia, Jane Stahly (Joe) of Cape Girardeau, and Susan King (Scott) of Lake Winnebago, Missouri. She has 7 grandchildren; Chris Hoeh (Annette), Alison Baringer (Michael), Jodi Stahly, Jamie Stahly, Jon Stahly, Ryan King (Kristen) and Andrew King (Jenna). She has 5 great- grandchildren, Lily Stahly, Tripp Stahly, Emlyn Baringer, Marlena Hoeh, Isla King and great grandbaby #6 due any day.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her brother George Oberheide, and her husband, Maurice T. Dunklin.

Funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m. Monday, November 14, 2016 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel.

Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service.

Entombment will be at Cape County Mausoleum immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Girl Scouts of Missouri Heartland, First Presbyterian Church, or Chateau Girardeau Foundation.

The family wishes to thank the nurses, aides, staff at Chateau Girardeau, and Southeast Hospice for their compassion and care for our mother over the years. As mom would be saying right now, "See you later, alligator!"

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

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

NOV **14**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Jane (Oberheide) Dunklin.*



November 14, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ *Jane and family,*

I am so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Please know that I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

Susie Pickett O'Connell - November 13, 2016 at 10:32 PM



“ *Heide Oberheide and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Betty Jane (Oberheide) Dunklin.*



Heide Oberheide and family - November 13, 2016 at 01:40 PM