



## Betty Mae Ross

April 15, 1929 - October 3, 2019

Betty Mae Richardson Ross, 90, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, passed away Thursday, October 3, 2019, at The Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Betty was born April 15, 1929, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., to Daniel and Clara Musgraves Richardson. She married Thomas O. Ross Sr. on May 12, 1946, and he survives in Cape Girardeau.

She was a member of the first graduating class of Nursing at Southeast Missouri State. Betty went back and received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from Southeast Missouri State College in 1967. She worked as a Registered Nurse for many years. She was a County Health Nurse, as well as working at St Francis Hospital in the OB department and retired from Southeast Hospital Surgery. Her time working in health care was special to her because she cared so much about helping others.

She was a charter member of Bethel Assembly of God Church in Cape Girardeau and she continued to attend services there all of her life until health issues kept her from being able to attend her Church.

Betty was affectionally known as Tootie to all her family.

She is survived by her husband, Tom, daughter, Linda Schorie, of Cape

Girardeau, son, Thomas O. (Nancy) Ross, Jr. of St. Louis, and daughter, Beth (David) Scherer of Cape Girardeau. Grandchildren, Jeff (Jamie) Mayfield and children Zak and Zoë, and Gina Ross Henry and her daughter Lauren of St. Louis. She is also survived by a brother Tom (Connie) Richardson, sister-in-law, Jacqueline Richardson, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Jim, John, Dan Jr., and Michael, and sisters, Lorna Baker, and Frances Miner.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to all the employees at The Lutheran Home, as well as their hospice staff, for their care and support.

Visitation will be from 11 am to 12 pm on Tuesday, October 8, at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Funeral will follow at 12 pm at the funeral home with the Rev. Phil Roop officiating. Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Assembly of God Church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home 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/>

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Tom Sr, Tom Jr, Nancy and family, we so enjoyed having Betty and Tom for neighbors on Rivercrest. My sympathy to all. JoAnn Strack Felcyn

JoAnn Felcyn - October 15, 2019 at 09:25 PM

April Baker

“ Sending our love and remembering sweet memories with Aunt Tootie. Our hearts and prayers are with you all! Jimbo, April and Haven

April Baker - October 08, 2019 at 05:41 PM

LB

“ What a precious loving Aunt, she was always so loving and caring for her family, our hearts go out to our cousins and their families, So many memories and so much love to each of you , Hate so bad that we can not be there , but in heartfelt thoughts .  
Love you,  
Jimmy & Linda



Linda Baker - October 08, 2019 at 10:53 AM

JS

“ Betty was always there for us when we needed a smile or help. When I had vocal cord surgery - who should appear at our door with the most delicious chicken soup - Betty. I was on soft foods; so it was just what I needed. She was loved by all and I know she is rejoicing with Barb and John Bower and Nina Sikes, etc. So many have gone on before her - what a dear saint of the Lord. Jeannette and Jimmy Stone

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**Jeannette Stone** - October 08, 2019 at 10:17 AM

JF

“ Betty was a wonderful person and nurse. For years we worked together at Southeast Hospital, day in and day out. Working with her was one of the highlights of my career. She put flamingos in my yard in the early morning one summer to my dismay and the delight of my family. There was never a job she couldn't get done and no one she wouldn't go after to get what her patients needed.

*In the 40 years I worked as a physician, she was the best.*

*This is one Democrat the world will be poorer without.*

*J. Russell Felker, MD, Asheville, NC*

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**J. Russell Felker** - October 07, 2019 at 07:43 AM

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*Thank you for your kind words Dr. Felker. Beth Ross Scherer*

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**Beth Scherer** - October 07, 2019 at 08:38 PM