



## Beverly Noffel

September 9, 1937 - May 1, 2025

Beverly Homra Noffel, 87 of Cape Girardeau passed away peacefully at home on May 1, 2025.

She was born Beverly Ann Homra on September 9, 1937 in Ridgley, Tennessee to Kimlin and Louise Baddour Homra. She graduated as valedictorian from Ridgley High School in 1955. Beverly attended Memphis State, now University of Memphis, for two years which is where she met the young handsome dental school student, Eddie Noffel.

While it turned out to be a nearly 68 year love affair, it didn't start out that way. Beverly would tell the story about Eddie picking her up for their first date. She thought he was such a nerd because he brought an umbrella. One night she was recounting the date with her grandchildren when one of her grandsons asked, "Bebe, was it raining?" She said it was, and we all had a good laugh about the 'nerd' and his umbrella.

For her groom, it was love at first sight. So deeply that he recalls being at a family wedding with Beverly as his date and so in love that he couldn't eat a bite! On June 16, 1957 they were married and moved to Norfolk, VA for Eddie to serve as a dentist in the Navy. In 1958 Eddie attended orthodontic school in St. Louis at Washington University. Upon graduation the young couple moved to Cape Girardeau where he had purchased a practice from Dr. Paul

Sponeman.

The Noffels had a wonderful life. Beverly quickly became a part of the Cape community raising four girls. She was a devoted volunteer at Centenary Methodist Church leading Vacation Bible School with Lauchette Low and taking on the responsibility of the confirmation class of 6th graders long after her girls were past that age. She also delivered meals for Meals on Wheels through the church often taking one of her young daughters with her to say hello to those they visited.

Beverly was an amazing host and loved to entertain, whether it was for her friends, her girls' friends, hosting a supper club or a republican fundraiser or young ladies for a hat party. Many young Cape Girardeau girls have fond memories of the tea parties she hosted in the living room on Brookwood Drive. Beverly could throw a party!

Cooking was Beverly's favorite hobby and she was an amazing cook. She took cooking classes all over the world and she and Sue Hunt taught cooking classes at Southeast Missouri State University. The classes ranged from holiday favorites, Italian, party appetizers and even some Lebanese recipes she learned from her mother and grandmother. Thankfully, Eddie loved to eat which made her hobby even more fun.

She was also a secret athlete starting with playing guard on the Ridgely High School basketball team. She loved to run the neighborhood streets and belonged to a biking group that would ride the Cape County narrow winding roads three days a week and go as far as 50 miles in a day. They would stop along the way for a biscuit at Hardee's to refuel before heading home. Beverly was an active member of the Chapter GF of PEO for 57 years and a member of the Gamma Eta chapter of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Most of all she loved her family and was happiest when they were together, especially her beloved Eddie. Their nearly 68 years of marriage was truly a love story with Eddie referring to her as the 'love of his life' until her last breath.

Eddie and his four daughters would like to thank the amazing women who cared for Beverly. There are no words to express the gratitude for the gentleness and loving care of their wife and mother. Jill Essner and her team - Angie Hency, Tammy Benning, Danae Clark, Sue Thompson Joanna Gray, and Traci Brown.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Dr. Charles Homra, of Murray, KY.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Eddie Noffel and four daughters. Nancy Miller and husband Robert, Kaffee Hopkins and Husband Bill, Edwina Johnson, Sara Summerour and husband Jim. Grandchildren Meredith Miller, Katharine Miller, Andrew Miller, Park Summerour and wife Chelsea, Billie Summerour and one great grandson, John (Jack) Noffel Summerour.

Honorary pallbearers are Robert Miller, Jim Summerour, Bill Hopkins, Andrew Miller, Park Summerour, Mark Homra, Jim Baddour and Skipper Homra.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Centenary Methodist Church, 300 North Ellis, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 or the Hamra-Homra Family Club, 641 Headden Drive, Ridgely TN 38080.

Visitation will be from 11:00 to 1:00 with a funeral immediately following both at Centenary Methodist Church, 300 North Ellis, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Following the burial, please help celebrate Beverly's life at the Noffel home,

2435 Brookwood Dr. Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Centenary Global Methodist Church  
300 N. Ellis  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

MAY 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

Centenary Global Methodist Church  
300 N. Ellis  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

AL

“ Dear Dr Noffel and Family, I'm sorry for your loss. Beverly was a nice person--I remember her for hosting great office Christmas parties and the snacks she brought us girls at Noffel-Feuerhahn Center for Orthodontics. I still have her 7-layer bean dip recipe.  
April (Lewis) Langley

April Langley - June 06, 2025 at 10:43 AM

CB

“ Dr. Noffel and family - I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Christy Bollinger - May 15, 2025 at 11:22 AM

TF

“ The Wampler Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Noffel.

The Wampler Family - May 13, 2025 at 01:13 PM

TF

“ The Wampler Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Beverly Noffel.



The Wampler Family - May 13, 2025 at 01:13 PM

LM

“ Lynn and Kris Mosup planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Noffel.

Lynn and Kris Mosup - May 13, 2025 at 12:42 PM

LM

“ Lynn and Kris Mosup purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Beverly Noffel.



Lynn and Kris Mosup - May 13, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beverly Noffel.

May 13, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Beverly Noffel.



May 13, 2025 at 12:33 PM

LS

“ Love, Martin and Page Small purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Beverly Noffel.



Love, Martin and Page Small - May 12, 2025 at 09:50 PM

CM

“ Carl & Laura McLaughlin purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Beverly Noffel.



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**Carl & Laura McLaughlin** - May 12, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Beverly Noffel.



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May 12, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Beverly Noffel.



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May 12, 2025 at 09:38 AM

TR

“ The Rabren's purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Beverly Noffel.



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**The Rabren's** - May 11, 2025 at 07:27 PM

TR

“ The Rabren’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Noffel.

The Rabren’s - May 11, 2025 at 07:27 PM

KC

“ I smiled as I read the entire obituary. She was always such a gracious person, and her and Ed always remembered my name even though we weren’t close. I remember Nancy and Kaffee from high school years, and I think Nancy and I are the same age, although I went to ND. Condolences Dr. Ed and the entire Noffel family

Kevin Cracraft - May 10, 2025 at 11:30 PM

LS

“ Dr Noffel, so sorry to hear this news. She was a wonderful and kind person. Lauren Mosley Snider

lauren snider - May 10, 2025 at 11:03 AM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Carol and Randy George - May 09, 2025 at 09:37 AM

RB

“ Mrs Beverly. She and Edwin were the best people I kno. She always would treat us to snacks and a kind word. She also had an Eagle Eye when it came to painting for her. I am so saddened to hear about her passing. My deepest condolences to her family. Robert Boitnott and family

Robert Boitnott - May 08, 2025 at 12:01 PM

LP

“ Doc and girls I am sorry for your loss , I will always treasure her smiling conversations we had at Schnucks. I'm privileged to have met all of you ❤️



Laurie Powers - May 08, 2025 at 01:34 AM

DP

So sorry for your loss. Bev always had a smile on her face and so friendly. I met the family thru my parents and they always stopped to talk to me at Schnucks when they came in. Prayers for all of you.  
Debbie Blankenship Petty

Debbie Petty - May 11, 2025 at 07:28 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Beverly Noffel.



May 07, 2025 at 06:26 PM

Jl

“ On behalf of my mother, Lauchette Low, and my sister, Julie Low Katinas, please accept our heartfelt condolences and strong prayers for all in the extended Noffel family. The Beverly the Lows knew and deeply appreciated was a whip smart, kind, gracious, and loving co-leader of a family which personifies dignity, style, grace, and class. Just like the innumerable supper club extravaganzas she hosted and participated in with my parents in Cape Girardeau, her life too is one worthy of a hearty and celebratory toast from all fortunate enough to know her.

*Joseph Low III*

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**Joseph Low III** - May 07, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Beverly Noffel.



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May 07, 2025 at 01:51 PM

LS

“ Love, David and Beth Simpson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Noffel.

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**Love, David and Beth Simpson** - May 06, 2025 at 06:19 PM

LS

“ Love, David and Beth Simpson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Beverly Noffel.



Love, David and Beth Simpson - May 06, 2025 at 06:19 PM

AD

“ All our love, Shannon & Angie Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Noffel.

All our love, Shannon & Angie Davis - May 05, 2025 at 03:29 PM

AD

“ All our love, Shannon & Angie Davis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Beverly Noffel.



All our love, Shannon & Angie Davis - May 05, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ I send my sympathy from my family to the Noffel family! Bev made this area better by her presence and cheer! My prayers are with all!

Jane Stacy - May 05, 2025 at 09:40 AM

BR

“ *Brian, Angie, Blake, & Anne-Marie Ritter purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Beverly Noffel.*



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**Brian, Angie, Blake, & Anne-Marie Ritter** - May 04, 2025 at 10:08 PM

DH

“ *Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Hamman purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Beverly Noffel.*



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**Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Hamman** - May 04, 2025 at 11:01 AM