



Birdie Lane Wright Rader

August 12, 1926 - November 13, 2015

Birdie Lane Wright Rader 89, passed away peacefully in her sleep November 13, 2015 at The Arbors in Cape Girardeau.

Born in Nachitoches, LA on Aug 12, 1926, the eighth and youngest child of Marvin A. Wright and Dugan Davis Wright., she grew up in Texarkana, Ark. raised by her aunt and uncle, Birdie Davis Lane and Samuel McKee Lane. She accepted a teaching position after graduating from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. On June 2, 1950 Birdie became the bride of William S. Rader at a service officiated by her brother, Rev. William E. Wright at Central Christian Church in Texarkana, TX. After marrying, the couple made their home in Blytheville, AR. While in Blytheville, Birdie was active in the First Christian Church and served as president of the Blytheville Junior Auxiliary.

In 1959, the couple, along with their two young daughters, moved to Cape Girardeau. She attended Duke University Marine Lab and had a MS in Zoology. Birdie was an instructor of biology and zoology at SEMO. She studied medicine at the University of Missouri. In 1974, she resigned her position at Southeast Missouri State University and opened American Real Estate. She bought a Century 21 franchise in 1978. Rader was a leading agent in the Century 21 system, garnering multiple awards as a top producing agent and inducted into the Century 21 Hall of Fame in 1993.. She served on the board of the Center for Group Counseling, was a member of Zonta, was

active in Tri Delta Sorority, taught Sunday School and was a Life Elder at Abbey Road Christian Church.

Birdie was preceded in death by her husband, The Honorable Judge William S. Rader, her parents, her aunt and uncle, four sisters and three brothers. She is survived by her daughters, Jane DeBoe (Thomas) of Tequesta, FL, Beth Hennessey (Chris) of Grand Rapids, MI, two grandsons, William Sterling DeBoe of Florida, William Curran Hennessey of MI, and two great-grandchildren, Ronald, S. DeBoe and Catherine Lane DeBoe of Florida.

Visitation and funeral will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home on Mt. Auburn Rd. Visitation will begin at 10 am until time of funeral service at noon. Rev. Ronald Routledge will officiate. Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Abbey Road Christian Church or the Alzheimers Asssocation. Online condolences may be expressed at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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 **18**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SL

“ Jane & Beth, I remember so many fun times in New Orleans with your Mom & Dad. My Aunt Birdie always smiling. My love and sympathy to you & your families. Sandy Leroux.

Sandra Leroux - November 22, 2015 at 09:16 PM

MK

“ Beth, Sorry for your loss. Your mother was always sweet & very interested in each person she met. Sorry to have missed her service. My condolences to your family.

Mark Kinder - November 19, 2015 at 12:28 PM

LD

“ Birdie was a great lady and salesperson. She was a diligent worker and rose to the top. Recently I got to visit with her at the Arbors where we have a family member. I know you will miss her. She was a dear, sweet lady.
Ladonna Dalton
Coldwell Banker Abernathy Realty



Ladonna Dalton - November 18, 2015 at 08:47 AM

CL

“ When we moved to Cape Girardeau, Birdie was one of the first ladies I met and I thought she was wonderful; sweet and always smiling. She was patient in helping me find a new home, which I truly appreciated. I will miss her.

Carol McManaman Lawson - November 17, 2015 at 06:56 PM

JA

“ Jennifer Arnold lit a candle in memory of Birdie Lane Wright Rader



Jennifer Arnold - November 17, 2015 at 11:40 AM

LR

“ Birdie was an inspiration to many women in the area! I am happy to have known and worked with her.



Liz Lockhart, owner of Riverbend Realty - November 16, 2015 at 10:09 AM

LC

“ We are so sorry for your loss and we are praying for you at this sad time. May you turn to the Lord for the strength and comfort that you need.

In Him,
Larry & Linda Caldwell

Linda Caldwell - November 15, 2015 at 12:44 PM

SW

“ Though our paths crossed so seldom, I have memories of Birdie Lane being a sweet and thoughtful lady. The right family mourns the loss of the last of our uncles and aunts. May she rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Blessings and peace!



Stephen and Judy Wright - November 15, 2015 at 09:33 AM