



Bobbie Woodard

August 22, 1932 - November 11, 2023

Bobbie Ann Woodard, age 91, passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at her home in Cape Girardeau.

She was born August 22, 1932 in Bear Spring, Tennessee but her family moved to Clarkesville where she started school. Most of her elementary years were spent there and in Cairo, IL but as the family moved, she attended several rural schools before graduating as the only eighth grade student in Miller City, IL. Bobbie was also baptized that year in the Cairo Baptist Church.

Her family moved to McClure, IL where she graduated from McClure High School. It was there she met her future husband Jack at a Sunday afternoon baseball game. They were married February 25, 1950 in Cabot, Arkansas while visiting his parents. They lived and raised their two daughters in McClure, and moved to Cape Girardeau in 1991.

Bobbie began her career with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. as an operator before dial conversion. She was also a drafting clerk and records clerk, and later became the first female engineer in the district. She declined promotions and transfers so her family could stay in the area and retired in 1986 as facilities engineer after 34 ½ years of service. After the death of her husband, Bobbie worked for Star Communications Answering Service and retired again in 2007.

In 1969, Bobbie joined Beta Sigma Phi sorority and formed a strong bond with her chapter and sorority sisters, some who have been together over fifty years. She also made many friends playing golf at the Cape Girardeau Country Club, especially at the ladies events, where she once won a gold putter for a hole-in-one. She was an avid cook and especially liked to bake treats for her family and friends. Family favorite dishes were her fried chicken, biscuits and gravy, baked ham, dressing and her cooked all day spaghetti sauce. Friends looked forward to her birthday cakes and holiday open house dishes. She loved to read newspapers, magazines, and her bible and was very good at crossword puzzles. If her TV was on in the evening it was either a Hallmark movie or Cardinals baseball game.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her husband Jack in 1992, her parents, and three brothers. She is survived by her daughters Gail (Ronnie) Meystedt of Carrollton, TX and Marilyn (Jeff) Pind of Cape Girardeau; Grandchildren Mark (Ami) Ballance Pind, Max (Kristin) Pind, Wes (Erin) Pind all of Cape Girardeau, Megan (Ben) Davis, Mallory Meystedt, and Kristina Meystedt, all in Texas, eleven great grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Bobbie always said she hoped to be remembered as a good mom, good grandma, and good friend. Her favorite times were when she was surrounded by family and friends.

Visitation will be 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau, MO.

A Memorial Service will follow at 2:00 pm Saturday, November 25, 2023 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau, MO.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Bobbie Woodard Memorial Account c/o Alliance Bank, 217 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bobbie Woodard.



November 24, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ Marilyn and Gail sincere condolences. Your Mom & Dad were very special to me, your Mom introduced me to more than one person as “One of her Boys”. That meant so much !!! Will miss her hugs !!!

Sam Brown - November 21, 2023 at 06:37 AM



“ William E. purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Bobbie Woodard.



William E. - November 18, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ William E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobbie Woodard.

William E. - November 18, 2023 at 06:41 PM

TF

“ *Bobbie, I will always cherish the memories and friendship we shared working together! The years pass so quickly, but the bonds grow deeper! My wife and I thank you for your caring and friendship, you will always remain in our hearts!* ”

Terry & Terri Fredrick - November 17, 2023 at 09:32 AM

ET

What great memories I have of you. You were quite a lady and you helped all of us newcomers to Engineering. Your famous spaghetti sauce is a winner and I cherish that I have your recipe. My heart is sadden that you are not here but rejoicing to know you are with the Lord.

Elaine (Kelley) Triplett

Elaine (Kelley) Triplett - November 17, 2023 at 08:37 PM

J-

“ *Bobbi was a lovely sweet person. Always a smile on her face .* ”

Jackie Clark -Otto - November 14, 2023 at 09:47 PM

GK

“ *My loyal friend. You will be missed. Her cakes were the best. Happy travels my good and faithway friend.* ”

genie m kremer - November 14, 2023 at 02:37 PM

DK

Bobbie & Jack were close friends of my parents many years ago. I can remember lots of good times spent with them, Gail, & Marilyn. My thoughts are with you.

Debbie Keenan - November 18, 2023 at 09:14 AM

BV

“ *Bobbie was my best friend in the whole world. We had a great time golfing together in many tournaments over the years or spending time at the Elks on Friday night. I will miss her so much and keep her in my heart forever. Comforting thoughts to the family.*

Brenda Vandenbrook - November 13, 2023 at 05:43 PM

JR

Bobbie was a Wonderful Friend to me when I lived and worked in Cape Girardeau in the 1970'S. We have stayed in touch through the years and she was always so encouraging and a joy to talk to her. I still cook her all day spaghetti sauce! I will keep her in my heart forever! Prayers for all the family. Jean Reeves, Louisiana

Jean Reeves - November 17, 2023 at 09:33 PM