



Caroline Luce Harrison Sheets

September 26, 1928 - August 23, 2022

CAROLINE LUCE HARRISON SHEETS, (known as DeeDee to her family and close friends), daughter of Arthur William and Marie Patton (BeBe) Harrison, was born at St. Louis Maternity Hospital on September 26, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri. She was 93 when she passed away on August 23, 2022, at the Life Care Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, while holding the hands of her daughters.

DeeDee grew up in Cape Girardeau, attended Washington and Lorimier Schools before attending Monticello Preparatory Junior College for high school. She graduated from high school at sixteen and began studying at Southeast Missouri State Teachers College. Her interests there were vocal music, literature and history.

After WW2 ended, she married Jack Lusk Sheets on June 4, 1946. They traveled and lived in various cities for four years, before resettling in Cape Girardeau to rear their children, Jay, Pam and Sue.

As a young family, they were very active with multiple interests and businesses, including farming, cattle ranching, traveling, retail sales, child rearing and an active social life.

DeeDee was a member of various organizations including P.E.O. Chapter GF., Daughters of the American Revolution and the Cape Choraliers. She had been a member of the Clio society during her years spent at Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, as it was known then.

After rearing young children, DeeDee returned to work and was hired,

specifically to be the head of circulation, at the Cape Girardeau Public Library. It was a good fit since she had always been an avid reader. She had a love of learning and a vast store of knowledge on any number of topics. Her advice, as well as Jack's was, "learn one new thing everyday" and she lived that everyday.

After retiring, her interests were always on family, followed closely by traveling, her pets, gardening, cooking, spending time at her beloved cottage in Onkama, Michigan and even in her 90's, a good party. You may have even seen DeeDee driving around town, taking one of her dogs for a car ride, joy on both their faces.

DeeDee lived her life fully; she fiercely loved her family, her country and loved learning. She was charming, beautiful on the outside and inside, had faith and knowledge. She was, and will continue to be, loved by her family and friends alike.

DeeDee is survived by her 3 children, Dr. Jay (Chris) Sheets, Pam (Al) Spradling, and Dr. Susan Sheets. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Jordan (Lainey) Sheets, Emily (Garrett) Harrington, Bert (girlfriend Brandy Kearbey) Spradling, Brooke Spradling, Alex (Tiffany) Spradling, and Ross H. (Sarah) Freeman, and five great grandchildren, Kamryn and Jackson Spradling, Molly and Jillian Spradling and Audrey Harrington.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jack Lusk Sheets, great grandson William Michael Freeman, brothers Donald L. Harrison and Arthur (Jack) Harrison and her beloved recent dogs, Thor and Daisy.

Visitation will be Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m., followed by a private family interment.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to SEMO Pets (formerly Humane Society), Weimaraner Rescue, or the charity of your choice.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ DeDe was a wonderful woman. Always welcoming you and with a great spirit. A gracious hostess .

Jackie Otto - September 10, 2022 at 02:26 PM

SF

“ Sincerely, Dr. & Mrs. Michael Freeman purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Caroline Luce Harrison Sheets.



Sincerely, Dr. & Mrs. Michael Freeman - September 09, 2022 at 03:27 PM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Susan and family.

Carol & Randy George - September 08, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Caroline Luce Harrison Sheets.



September 08, 2022 at 10:46 AM

LF

“ Love you! Bob and Toni and family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Caroline Luce Harrison Sheets.



Love you! Bob and Toni and family - August 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM

WL

“ Oh, and I forgot one thing. Only family would prevent me from being present to celebrate Mrs. Sheet's life, but I will be at the wedding of a niece that day. Where? Ironically, in Onekama, Michigan hard beside Portage Lake. I will celebrate her there.

Walter Lamkin

Walter Lamkin - August 27, 2022 at 01:25 PM

WL

“ I have so many memories of Mrs. Sheets that they bounce around inside my head like balls in a bounce pit. Since Jay and I were born two weeks apart, our friendship began early in life. We spend many nights at each other's homes and by the happiness of fate, both of our families ended up with summer homes on Portage Lake in Onkama, MI. So many memories evolved. I believe it was the summer of 1960 when I traveled north with Mrs. Sheets, Jay, Pam and Sue in the 1959 Cadillac convertible. How Mrs. Sheets could put up with Jay and me and our nonsense puzzles me still. She was a classic. May she rest in peace with the reminder to all that she is not really gone, she has simply gone ahead.

In sympathy,

Walter Lamkin

Walter Lamkin - August 27, 2022 at 01:22 PM

EP

“ Dear Jay, Pam Sue and all of the Sheets' family,
Please accept my most sincere condolences on the passing of your Mother.
Mrs. Sheets was always so kind & welcoming to me when I visited your childhood home. She had a wonderful spirit about her & a lovely smile.
RIP Mrs. Sheets.
Ellen Neihart Parker

Ellen Neihart Parker - August 25, 2022 at 02:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Caroline Luce Harrison Sheets.*



August 25, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sue, Pam and Al, Jay and Chris and All of The Grandchildren. Carol Loved Her Family! Blessings, Todd & Donna Ward*

Todd Ward - August 25, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Condolences to Jay, Pam, Sue and family on the loss of their dear mom and our dear former neighbor. Many lifetime fond memories. She lived a wonderful life with a wonderful family. Steve and Marsha Limbaugh*

Steve and Marsha Limbaugh - August 24, 2022 at 10:48 PM