



Carolyn Jean Bertrand

November 2, 1942 - April 6, 2026

Carolyn Jean Bertrand, 83, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Monday, April 6, 2026 at the Lutheran Home.

She was born November 2, 1942 in Cape Girardeau, MO to Leo A. and Mabel C. Meystedt Graden.

She and Ronny Lee Bertrand were married August 25, 1962 at Old St. Vincent Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death on December 19, 2016.

She was a 1960 graduate of Central High School.

She worked at Hampton's Bakery for a year and then became a housewife.

She was a huge Elvis fan and loved listening to country music. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and enjoyed going to games. She also enjoyed craft projects and sewing.

She became a member of Old St. Vincent Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau in 1963.

Survivors include a son, Matthew R. (Christine Elgert) Bertrand of Creve

Coeur, Missouri; brother-in-law, Fred Schmidt; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband of 54 years.

Visitation will be from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm on Monday, April 13, 2026 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel.

Funeral service will follow at 2:00 pm at the funeral home.

Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Special thanks and gratitude to the staff at the Lutheran Home Providence Hospice and Care Center.

Memorial contributions may be given to Old St. Vincent Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau.

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

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

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ *She was a wonderful sweet aunt. Prayers go out to the family. Jim has many fond memories of her growing up. With love Jim and Debbie Shmidt.*

Debbie Schmidt - April 13 at 04:29 PM

MF

“ *Melton & Schmittzehe Families purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Jean Bertrand.*



Melton & Schmittzehe Families - April 10 at 03:34 PM

MB

“ *Mike & Kim Bertrand, and Barbara Bage purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carolyn Jean Bertrand.*



Mike & Kim Bertrand, and Barbara Bage - April 10 at 08:45 AM

MS

“ *My condolences to the family on your loss. We've not met, but I believe we are related. My maternal grandfather was Louis E. T. Graden of Cape Girardeau. If I remember correctly my mom, Marguerite, mentioned an Uncle Leo in relating childhood stories. I pray God's peace for you in this time of sorrow.*
--Mark Stone (mdkr1221@aol.com)

Mark Stone - April 09 at 04:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Jean Bertrand.*



April 09 at 12:50 PM



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

April 09 at 12:50 PM



“ *Ruth G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Jean Bertrand.*

Ruth G. - April 08 at 04:11 PM