



## Charlotte Lanpher

September 26, 1944 - April 21, 2025

Charlotte B. Lanpher, 80, went to her Heavenly home on Monday, April 21st at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Born September 26th, 1944 in Cape Girardeau, Charlotte attended elementary school in Vanduser and high school at Scott County Central. She graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Home Economics from Southeast Missouri State University.

In 1969, she married Nick Lanpher, who survives of the home. They resided in Chaffee, Missouri with their four daughters until 1991 when they moved to Cape Girardeau.

Charlotte began her teaching career shortly after marrying and made a career move in the early 1990's when she became a State Farm agent. She had recently decided to retire at the end of this year. For many years, she was a member of the board at the Safe House of Southeast Missouri and the Sisterhood of P.E.O. As a breast cancer survivor, she was an active supporter and mentor for breast cancer awareness.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, rarely missing her grandchildren's school functions. She loved beach trips with her girls, traveling with friends and always looked forward to her annual trip with her college roommates. She loved her family and friends dearly. She raised her girls to love fiercely, to be independent and to face difficult circumstances with grace and strength. A former student commented "she taught my classmates and me more than just Home Economics; she taught us what it was to be strong, yet ladylike, young

women and we are forever grateful."

Survivors include her husband of nearly 56 years, Nick Lanpher; daughters, Monica Walker and Nikki (Darren) Shaffer both of Cape Girardeau and Brandi (Clay) Gunkel of Madisonville, Kentucky; grandchildren, Ethan (Paige) Walker, Wil (Cameron) Walker, Olivia Gunkel, Luci Gunkel, Claire Gunkel, Clayton Gunkel, Delaney Shaffer and Ellie Kate Shaffer; great-grandchildren, Emmett Walker and Everly Walker; and her sister, Patricia Surman.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, James and Lucille Burris and her daughter, Allison Lanpher.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 26th beginning at 10:00 a.m. until time of the service at 1:00 p.m. at Lynwood Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Interment will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions in her memory be made to The Safe House of Southeast Missouri, Mid America Teen Challenge or The Barnes Lodge in St. Louis, Missouri.

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

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# 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

**APR 26.** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Lynwood Baptist Church  
2935 Lynwood Hills Drive  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

**APR 26.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Lynwood Baptist Church  
2935 Lynwood Hills Drive  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

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“ *One of the sweetest ladies I have ever met. She will be missed. My prayers for Nick and the family. God Bless*

Sarah Fisher - May 13, 2025 at 11:42 AM



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

April 25, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Charlotte Lanpher.*



April 25, 2025 at 10:25 AM

DO

“ *donna purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charlotte Lanpher.*



donna - April 25, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Charlotte Lanpher.



April 24, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ Dear Nikki, When we worked together I could always tell how much you loved and respected your Mom by the way you spoke about her. I'm sure she was so proud of you and your family. The loss is great and I am so sorry. Remember the Peony balls are getting ready to bloom! Love you, Stephanie

Stephanie Depro - April 24, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ My sympathies to her family and those who worked with her over the years. May she rest in peace.

Janice Ham - April 24, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charlotte Lanpher.



April 23, 2025 at 07:28 PM



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

April 23, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Charlotte Lanpher.



April 23, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ *Lover your Stericycle Family* purchased the *Sweet Solace Spray* for the family of Charlotte Lanpher.



**Lover your Stericycle Family** - April 23, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ *Lover your Stericycle Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlotte Lanpher.

**Lover your Stericycle Family** - April 23, 2025 at 06:57 PM

RA

“ I am grateful for the way Charlotte raised her daughters. One of them is my beloved friend and sister for life and her mother's character and work ethic was second to none. What a blessed day it will be to rejoin her in the afterlife. This world truly has lost a beautiful human being, but we all gain one amazing, strong angel in the process.  
I pray God's peace surrounds this wonderful family today and always.

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R. Adams - April 23, 2025 at 06:10 PM



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

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April 23, 2025 at 04:43 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Charlotte Lanpher.



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