



## Charlotte McCrate

March 4, 2015

Charlotte Braun McCrate, life-long resident of Cape Girardeau, MO died Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at St. Francis Medical Center. Born July 12, 1920, Charlotte was the daughter of Frederick Ferdinand "F.F." and Delia Deevers Braun. She went to St. Vincent de Paul Grade School and graduated from St. Mary High School (now Notre Dame Regional High School) in 1938. She attended Webster College in Webster Groves, MO where she was chosen to represent the freshman class in the prestigious May Day ceremony. She attended Southeast Missouri State University before graduating from Miss Hickey's Secretarial School in St. Louis, MO in 1942. She was employed by the Chicago, Wilmington, and Franklin Coal Co. in St. Louis and was an active volunteer in the USO before returning to Cape. She met her husband Michael G. McCrate of Portageville, MO upon his return from serving in the South Pacific during World War II. They were married on April 14, 1948 and together raised six children. She was a lifelong member of Old St. Vincent's Church where she served as Greeter for many years. She was instrumental in helping to have the historic church listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. She was a member of P.E.O. (BI Chapter) and was a former member of Psi Psi Psi (Alpha Omega Chapter). Her hobbies included playing bridge, dancing, trout fishing, and traveling with her husband aboard his Bonanza aircraft. She was preceded in death by her parents Fred and Delia Braun and her sister, Bessie Braun DeLisle. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Michael G. McCrate; her children, Carolyn (David) Hajduk, Kitty (Mark)

Anderson, Mike (Mary Kay) McCrate, Janet (Vernon) Hafernik, Margaret (Bill) Parrish, Sean (Rossana) McCrate; 21 grandchildren, Kristina, Mark, Bridget, Jared, Joe, Chris, Nick, Sarah, Megan, Steven, Laura, Mary Therese, Will, Katherine, Caroline, Mary Margaret, Anna Christine, Nathalie, Stephanie, Jennifer, and Luke; and four great-grandchildren, Walter, Jack, Kathleen Cecilia, and Andrew Thomas. Friends may call 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, with recitation of the rosary at 7 PM, on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Monday, March 9, 2015 at Old St. Vincent Catholic Church with the Rev. Allan Saunders officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau. Memorial contributions may be given to Old St. Vincent Church.

# Tribute Wall

KJ

“ *The pain of losing someone you love is something that we will never get use to because God's Word refers to death as 'the last enemy.' May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will have our enemy 'brought to nothing.' (1Corinthians 15:26) What a wonderful day that will be!*

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**K. Jackson** - October 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Dear family, Terry and I were very sorry to hear of Charlotte's passing. She was a lovely lady and a dear friend of the Campbell family. We are out of town at this time but please know our prayers are with you. Sincerely, Janet Campbell Dame*

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**Janet Campbell Dame** - September 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Janet Campbell Dame** - September 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. A wonderful Mom has gone on to her just reward.*

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**Ted and Debbie Hinkebein** - September 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Mike and family, was so sorry to read of Charlotte's passing. She and Mom are probably having a gay old time talking away, both now out of pain and at peace. She will be missed but is in a better place and you have such wonderful memories to savor. Mary & Dennis

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**Dennis and Mary (Hopen) Drum** - August 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of loss. My parents Robert & Emma (Eftink) Gaines wanted to let Michael know that they are praying for him and that they were thinking of him.

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**Larry & Betty Essner** - August 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Our deepest sympathy. We lost a wonderful lady, good friend, and great neighbor.

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**Paul and Ann Brinkopf** - July 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM