



## Dolores Mae "Dee" Richards

May 25, 1944 - February 11, 2016

Dolores Mae "Dee" Richards of Cape Girardeau passed away Thursday, February 11, 2016 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau following a five week battle to recovery from a major illness.

She was born May 25, 1944 in St. Louis, Missouri to Thomas Bertwell Hill and Sara Elma (Brown) Hill. She and Gerald E. Richards were married February 12, 1966 at Bayless Baptist Church in St. Louis. Her passing occurred one day before what would have been their 50th Anniversary.

Dee was a member of Lynwood Baptist Church where she had faithfully taught three year old children for 36 years. She also taught first grade children at Scott City Elementary for 33 years before retiring 2003. During those years, she actively served the teaching profession for many years as president of the Community Teachers Association and annual delegate to the regional and state teachers conventions.

Dee loved children and loved teaching them. Most of all though, she loved her Lord, her church and her family. She especially loved the family trips with her son and his family to Disney World. Although she did not like flying, she endured a number of flights to experience the joy and delight her grandchildren experienced with each trip.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald Richards; a son and daughter-in-law Thomas (Tom) and Melissa Richards; two precious grand-children, Abigail (Abby) and William (Will) Richards of O'Fallon, IL; a sister-in-law, Penny (Curtis) DeClue of Potosi, Mo; two nieces, Paulette (Brian Bilderback) DeClue of Sullivan, Mo and Nanette DeClue of Potosi, Mo; and two especially close friends, Loretta Land and Marilyn (Larry) Kingree all of Cape Girardeau. In addition, she leaves many other relatives and close friends through her church, her Bible Study group and her many years of teaching.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her step mother (Neva Hill) of over 40 years, and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral service will be held at Lynwood Baptist Church on Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 2:30 pm. It is preceded by visitation at Ford and Sons Funeral Home (Mount Auburn) on Saturday, February 13, from 4-8 pm. In addition, visitation will be held from 1:30-2:30 pm at the church prior to the service. Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum,

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Lynwood Baptist Church Preschool Ministry.

# 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

FEB **13**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1313  
[info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

FEB **14**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Lynwood Baptist Church  
2935 Lynwood Hills  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Service

FEB 14. 2:30 PM (CT)

Lynwood Baptist Church  
2935 Lynwood Hills  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ To my good neighbor, teacher, teacher sorority sister, and Lynwood member. You will be dearly missed. Remember when we went to college together. God bless. Sue LaBruyere.

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**Sue LaBruyere** - February 14, 2016 at 06:26 PM

RH

“ So sorry to hear about Mrs. Richards, I did my student teaching under her supervision at Scott City School, she was a wonderful teacher, mentor and person. I still have a love for teaching and have completed 21 tears of teaching in the public school and teaching First Graders. Prayers to the family during this time. Rhonda Michael Painton

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**RhondaPainton** - February 14, 2016 at 06:16 PM

DC

“ Gerald:

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God's amazing grace be sufficient during this difficult transition.*

*Blessings,*

*Dave Conley*

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**David Conley** - February 14, 2016 at 02:55 PM

SM

“ Praying for comfort for the entire family. I will always remember's Dee's smile and love for the Lord. Sue Mills

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**Sue Mills** - February 14, 2016 at 12:16 PM

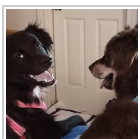
LJ

“ There was nothing more beautiful to witness than the love and respect that Dee gave and received from her family, particularly her 'sweetheart' Gerald, her son Tom, and her grand babies.

*Lawrence & Willetta Brookins & Family*

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**lawrence brookins, jr** - February 14, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ Mrs Richards was my neighbor for many years as well as going to Lynwood Baptist Church together. I got to know both her and her husband quite well. Mrs. Richards was a very caring and loving person. Heaven has a beautiful new angel.

*Terri LaBruyere Winham and Kyle Loy*

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**Terri Winham** - February 14, 2016 at 11:03 AM

HI

“ Like many others Mrs. Richards was my 1st grade teacher I remember it being one of my favorite years in elementary school as i was not the easiest child and she was patient and encouraging with me!!!

*Heaven is rejoicing in welcoming this earthly angel home !!!*

*Thank you Mrs. Richards I hope and pray my children have teachers that are half as godly, kind and talented as you!*

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**Heather Fehr - Ingvalson** - February 14, 2016 at 07:15 AM

LK

“ She was my first grade teacher in 1971. I saw her just a year or so ago at a Cape restaurant and when I went over to say hi. I didn't expect her to remember me but not only did she remember my face, she knew my name. After all these years and she still knew my name. That is a testament as to how much love she showed to us as children. I still have the Christmas ornament she gave us that year. It hangs on my tree to this day. Thanks for being such a loving and devoted teacher, Mrs Richards. You won't be forgotten. Prayers for your family.

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**Leslie Smith Kriete** - February 14, 2016 at 12:02 AM

DK

“ Jerry, I was shocked and so sorry to hear of Dee's passing. We had some fun times back in the 60s. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Donna Knodell** - February 13, 2016 at 03:30 PM

CK

“ Jerry, so sorry to hear of your loss. Will always remember the time Donna and I drove from Memphis to Cape for Tony's pizza and Dee and you insisted we spend the night with you all and you went to church and borrowed a cot. My prayers go up for you and yours at this time, know Dee is rejoicing in Heaven and will be there to greet you one day.

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**Connie Foster Kiser** - February 13, 2016 at 11:57 AM

DH

“ Dave & Vicki Kippley, Marti & Allen Powell, Randy & Pam Hare purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dolores Mae "Dee" Richards.



**Dave & Vicki Kippley, Marti & Allen Powell, Randy & Pam Hare** - February 12, 2016 at 07:38 PM

DG

“ Dax, Sheila, Meagan, and Lexi Gay purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dolores Mae "Dee" Richards.



**Dax, Sheila, Meagan, and Lexi Gay** - February 12, 2016 at 02:39 PM

JF

“ Jeremy Freeman & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dolores Mae "Dee" Richards.



**Jeremy Freeman & Family** - February 12, 2016 at 02:10 PM