



Donna Mae Kirn

November 21, 1941 - April 6, 2026

Donna Mae Kirn, 84, of Cape Girardeau, a devoted Catholic and faithful servant, was called home to the Lord while surrounded by her family at 2:05 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2026, at her home.

She was born Nov. 21, 1941, in Brewer to Emil and Velda Moore Brown.

It was during her attendance at St. Vincent's High School in Perryville that Donna met her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, Norman Kirn. Both graduated in 1959 and were later united in marriage Feb. 24, 1962, in Brewer, beginning a life together filled with love and devotion for over 64 years.

In 1966, Donna and Norman made their home in Cape Girardeau, where they raised their family and became dedicated members of St. Vincent de Paul Parish for six decades. She was employed as a switchboard operator and later worked and volunteered at the Lutheran Home. In 1988, she and Norman founded Kirn Plumbing and Heating, a union-based business that provided steady employment for many and reflected their strong values of hard work, service and commitment to their community. She remained dedicated in her full-time role there until her retirement.

Survivors include her loving and loyal husband, Norman Kirn of Cape

Girardeau; her children, Tammi Bean of Cape Girardeau and Rodney Kirn of Jackson, along with their spouses; her six grandchildren, Blake Kirkpatrick of Gordonville, Morgan Beaver of Springfield, Taylor Lauren Kirn of Cape Girardeau, Madison Kirn of Scott City, Taylor Elizabeth Kirn-Webb of Marble Hill and Cheyenne Kirn of Harviell, along with their spouses; as well as her seven great-grandchildren, Bradyn, Reid, Kayden, Khyson, Xzayvier, Asher and Gaia.

Donna was preceded in death by her beloved son, Randy Kirn, who remained forever in her heart and was deeply missed every day. She was also preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Roger Brown of Brewer; her sisters- and brothers-in-law, Sheila Brown of Michigan, Glennon and Fran Kirn and Weldon Kirn, all of Missouri; and her nephews, Justin Brown of Michigan and Andrew Kirn and Mike Pelker, both of Missouri.

Donna's life was a testament to her deep and unwavering Catholic faith, which guided not only her words but every action of her life. She found great joy in leading others closer to Christ and helping them grow in faith, particularly through the many religious pilgrimages she organized and led over the years, including Conyers, Georgia; EWTN, where she was a devoted supporter; Medjugorje; and the March for Life in Washington, D.C. She was devoted to her prayer groups as early as 1977, including the Catholic Charismatic Renewal at St. Vincent de Paul, Dinner for Eight and Life in the Spirit. She also played the organ at her home parish, Christ the Savior Church in Brewer, was an active participant in Cursillo, served as an adorer at St. Vincent de Paul Parish and was a strong advocate for Perpetual Adoration at Saint Francis Medical Center — among the many ways she faithfully lived out her beliefs. She leaves behind a legacy of devotion, compassion and service, inspiring all who knew and loved her to walk more closely with God.

All services are scheduled for Tuesday, April 21. Family viewing will be at 8:30

a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau. The rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 9 a.m., with visitation to follow until 11:30 a.m. at the church. The Funeral Mass will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the Rev. Rick Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville, next to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

May the Lord welcome Donna into His eternal embrace, grant her everlasting peace and bring comfort and strength to all who mourn her passing.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Cape Girardeau.

Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

Perryville, MO 63775

Previous Events

Rosary

APR 21. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Visitation

APR 21. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
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Funeral Mass

APR 21. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Mae Kirn.*



April 17 at 07:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Mae Kirn.*



April 16 at 06:44 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Mae Kirn.*

April 16 at 06:44 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.*

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