



Donna Mae Pritchard

February 24, 1953 - March 21, 2026

Donna Mae Pritchard, 73, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, died Saturday, March 21, 2026 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

She was born February 24, 1953 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to J.D. and Ruth Woods Chenoweth. She was a sibling to four sisters and one brother.

She and Robert "Bob" Pritchard were married November 26, 1977 in Cape Girardeau. She was a loving and proud mother of two and grandmother of three.

Donna was raised in Cape Girardeau and spoke fondly of her early years growing up with her family and attending Cape Central High. A cheerleader and homecoming queen, she developed lifelong friendships that she dearly cherished. She later attended Metro Business College and Southeast Missouri State University. She worked several years at 1st National Bank downtown, memorably serving as Mrs. Santa Claus for the business's popular "Can-o-Cash" holiday promotion.

Donna and Robert met near this time and he soon found out what a special girl he had. They were married in 1977 at Grace United Methodist Church. Things kicked into higher gear when they became owners and operators of their own business, Park Pharmacy in Doctor's Park, which they ran for over thirty years. They worked together closely and developed professional relationships and personal friendships with many in the Cape community and surrounding area.

Donna was a loving, attentive, and caring mother. Intent on sharing in her girls' passions, she helped with Girl Scouts and played in the Grace Church bell choir with her daughters. She made many Halloween outfits and co-piloted the family's annual road trips. Everyday situations were made magical with her special touch. Her two daughters grew to be beautiful, smart, kindhearted women who loved her deeply.

Retiring in 2017, Donna and Robert traveled together and spent time enjoying their kids and welcoming grandkids, who affectionately called her "Maemee" and whom she adored and treasured being around. She cherished the vibrant company of her brothers and sisters all her life, and her many nieces and nephews enhanced her circle of love.

Donna loved to travel, cross stitch, lure Monarch butterflies and hummingbirds to her flower garden, eat chocolate of any kind, dance with her husband, play with her dog Barney, host 4th of July celebrations, and display Christmas decorations. She was an artist, designer, and style icon. She brightened any event with her warmth and playful humor. If a sunbeam could be captured in human form, Donna Pritchard would be it. She lived a good life, a full life, a happy life. Perhaps this is why she always had a sweet disposition, a smile on

her face, and a twinkle in her eye.

Donna was a member of Grace United Methodist Church for many years and later in life LaCroix Methodist Church. Her faith in the Lord helped her cope with health struggles the last 1 ½ years, knowing that all her loved ones would someday meet again in God's embrace.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Paul Pritchard of Cape Girardeau; mother, Ruth Woods Chenoweth of Cape Girardeau; two daughters, Holly Anne (Earl) Bradley of Clarksville, Tennessee and Paige Amanda Pritchard of Oakland, California; a brother, Brent (Barb) Chenoweth of Jackson, Missouri; three sisters, Janet Hampton of Decatur, Alabama, Jeanie (David) Proctor of Nellysford, Virginia, and Teri Thomas of Cape Girardeau; and three grandchildren, Earl "Otto" Bradley V, Kit Elizabeth Bradley, and Anna Bradley all of Clarksville, Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Visitation will be 4:00pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, March 27, 2026 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 am Saturday, March 28, 2026 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Amy Leachman officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to LaCroix Church or Southeast Missouri
Pets.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
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Funeral Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Came through Cape last week and learn of her passing. Bob, Ronnie and I are so sad to read this. She was a great woman and friend.*

Cathie Campbell Larmie - March 28 at 08:55 PM

RW

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Donna. I was Holly and Paige's coach at Clippard Elementary School and had many conversations with Donna during that time. She was always very supportive and kind and nice. I will never forget that. Prayers for all her family. God Bless. 🙏🙏🙏❤️*

Roger D Williams - March 28 at 11:37 AM



“ *My cousin Donna Mae has always held a special place in my heart, as has all the Chenoweth family. I don't remember ever seeing Donna without her beautiful smile and cheerful disposition. I was always so proud of her and her accomplishments. I know it is heartbreaking for her family and I share your grief, but I know that she is looking down and smiling at you from heaven and you will see her again someday. God bless and bring comfort to Donna Mae's family and friends in this time of sorrow.*

Tom Conrad - March 27 at 10:03 AM

CZ

“ Chris and Zach purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donna Mae Pritchard.



Chris and Zach - March 27 at 10:02 AM

DZ

“ Let us live so that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.....with attribution to Mark Twain.....Donna was this type of person.....David Zimmer

David Zimmer - March 26 at 10:10 PM

EP

Well said, David. Ellen Neihart Parker

Ellen Neihart Parker - March 26 at 11:10 PM

DZ

thanks Ellen.....amazing how time flies...

david zimmer - March 27 at 06:27 PM

JG

“ John Godsey purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Donna Mae Pritchard.



John Godsey - March 26 at 08:12 PM

BL

“ How do you describe loosing a life-long, precious friend like Donna Mae. I cannot imagine that she's really gone. From our days on Oak Hills Drive and Henderson Ave, she has been a special part of my life. Donna loved everyone and everyone loved her. She was a true treasure inside and out. She loved Robert and their girls more than anything! She was the life of the party and she had a memory for everything especially history and names. She was certainly a one-of-a-kind angel and friend.

A few of us girls in the class of '71 have stayed in contact over the years through a text string and what great memories that has given us all! Staying in touch while we're spread all over the country has been so great and Donna was the one who always amazed us with her memory of events and people...she always had us cracking up! (: She was one incredible woman, a treasured friend, and my special angel. I will miss her and our late night phone calls forever...I love you dear friend.

*Brokenhearted but SO thankful for the gift of Donna Mae in my life.
Barb (Kuster) Larkin*

Barb Kuster Larkin - March 26 at 06:32 PM

DZ

hi barb....best memories...sorry sometimes I didn't keep up better....those were the days.....

david zimmer - March 28 at 12:00 AM

EN

Barb, I know you will miss your friend very much. Your tribute is a great expression of friendship.

Ellen Neihart Parker

Ellen Neihart - April 09 at 09:40 AM

CB

“ I will always remember Donna as being beautiful lady-inside and out. When reflecting on our highschool days together, I can still see her in her cheerleading uniform. She later became a mentor to me through our church. She helped shape my confidence, values, and servant leadership abilities. I am grateful for the life she lived and the example she set. She will be dearly missed by all of us. Connie Bedell

Connie Bedell - March 26 at 05:21 AM

DS

“ Donna Mae will forever have a special place in the hearts of my family. She and Robert lived next door to my parents for many years. My mother absolutely adored her and they were dear friends. I loved running into her at the pharmacy, church or anywhere for that matter because she always made life fun. She was just that special of a person. You have our most sincere sympathy. Deb Sabella

Deborah Sabella - March 26 at 01:02 AM

DK

“ I got to know Donna during our school years at Cape Central. We were in Girl Scouts together and we led the cheers for the sports teams too. I send my sympathy to the entire family. Rest In Peace, Donna

Debbie Mehrle Kitchen - March 25 at 06:34 PM

RY

On Friday evening, my perspective on life underwent a profound shift. I received news that my cherished lifelong companion was nearing the end of her journey; upon waking on Saturday, she had passed away. I find it impossible to recall life without her radiant presence. Memories of our time together, marked by laughter and camaraderie, have consumed my thoughts. From our elementary school days to our inaugural dance at Shultz School, through our first junior high cheerleading competition, and onward to CHS, our bond remained unwavering despite being geographically apart for five decades. Her warm welcomes, characterized by enthusiastic hugs and unbridled laughter, made our reunions truly special. Our tight-knit group of five friends has remained inseparable in spirit. Our text conversations frequently spanned hours. While I selfishly yearn for her continued presence, I repose trust in a higher power and feel a deep-seated peace knowing she rests in comfort. I am certain we will share laughter once more in the future. May you rest in serene slumber, dear Donna Mae.

God bless the Chenoweth and Prichard families 🇺🇸🙏❤️

Rebecca Younghouse - March 25 at 06:44 PM

DZ

both of you occupy some of my fondest memories...say hi to hubby....great man.....

david zimmer - March 27 at 11:52 PM

EN

Becky, your friendship with Donna stayed strong through the years. What a gift.

Ellen Neihart Parker

Ellen Neihart - April 09 at 09:41 AM

EP

“ I met Donna in high school. A truly lovely, kind and thoughtful person, even at that young age. My condolences to Donna’s family. May she Rest in Peace.

Ellen Neihart Parker

Ellen Parker - March 25 at 06:07 PM

TD

“ *I'm sorry to hear of your great loss. My prayers are with your entire family.*

Tammy Deimund - March 25 at 03:03 PM

MS

“ *Dear Bob, We are so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. I recently saw both of you at the Radiology department . I didn't get a chance to speak to Donna. I'm not even sure that she knew me. Again, You have our condolences. I shall say a prayer for all of you.*
Sincerely,
Maddie Swanner

Madelene Swanner - March 25 at 02:59 PM

VD

“ *I'm so sorry, Robert.*

Vicki Clowers Duckworth - March 25 at 02:21 PM