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March 9, 1924 - August 16, 2018

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Jo was called to heaven on August 16, 2018 at the age of 94. She was born on March 9, 1924 to Dr. Ralph G. and Elva J. Packer Boutin in Harper, Kansas. She attended Southeast Missouri State University and graduated with a chemistry degree. After obtaining her degree she moved to New York where she modeled for Gallagher's. She returned to Cape Girardeau to marry Richard N. Renfrow, he passed away March 24, 1998. After returning to Cape Girardeau she taught art, ceramics and independent art classes for Cape Central High School where she retired from in May of 1988. She retired just in time to help with her granddaughter, Kathryn who was born that fall. In her retirement years she spent a considerable amount of time helping raising her granddaughter, who she adored, gardening, cooking, sewing, volunteering at First Presbyterian Church where she was a member. Jo had a wonderful sense of humor and outlook on life. She was blessed to be able to stay home until July of this year with the help of an amazing group of caregivers.

Jo was preceded in death by her husband, Richard N. and both sons, Richard B and Carl L. Refrow. She is survived by her granddaughter, Dr. Kathryn (Dr. Mason) Bell of Poplar Bluff, MO..

Visitation will be Sunday, August 19, 2018 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Ford &

Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel

Funeral will be Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 3:00 PM at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel with the Rev. Grant Gillard officiating.

Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, Cape Girardeau.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The First Presbyterian Church of Cape Girardeau or the Humane Society of Southeast Missouri.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I was honored to get to spend time with Jo for over 3 years. She was always excited for me to bring my computer so that she could look at the photos that I had taken recently. I really miss her laugh and playful orneriness.

Dan Buckenmyer

Dan Buckenmyer - January 05, 2019 at 10:49 AM

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“ Dear Kathryn and Family, I send condolences on the death of your Grandmother. When I first joined the faculty at Central she was so kind and welcoming. I still appreciate her. Best wishes to you all. LouAnn Zoffuto

LouAnn Zoffuto - August 20, 2018 at 08:33 AM