



Edna Ruth "Nell" Coad

May 28, 1928 - August 3, 2017

Edna Ruth "Nell" Coad, 89 of Cape Girardeau, passed Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017. She died in the company of her loving family.

Mrs. Coad was born May 28, 1928 in Cuba, MO, the daughter of Ed and Ruth Nelson. On Nov. 25, 1950, she married Joseph E. Coad in St. Louis. They were married for 56 years before his death in 2007. In 1964, Joe and Nell moved to Ridgway, IL with their three children when they purchased their first Chevrolet dealership. They then purchased the former Pearl Motor Company in Anna, IL in 1977. The family acquired the Chevrolet dealership in Cape Girardeau in 1979, and added the former Lawrence and Moore dealership in Perryville in 1985. In 1986, Brennecke Chevrolet in Jackson joined the Coad family of dealerships, and their last business venture was to acquire the Cape Girardeau Toyota dealership in 2005.

Nell was an avid golfer and enjoyed nothing more than playing nine holes with her husband and friends. She maintained lasting friendships with many through her memberships at the Cape Girardeau Country Club and Dalhousie Golf Club, where she was a founding member. She also enjoyed playing cards, attending Mass, and doting on her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Nothing was more dear to her than her family.

Nell is survived by her two sons, Michael (Cathy) Coad of Jonesboro, IL, and

Timothy (Jennifer) Coad of Cape Girardeau; daughter, Christina (Rick) Kennard of Jackson. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Jennifer (Jason) Miller of Anna, IL, Katy (Tim) Flynn of Chicago, Maggie (Andy) O'Guin of Waterloo, IL, Lori (Garrett) Smith of Charlotte, NC, Ali (Adam) Berry of Manhattan, NY, Leah (Craig) Prost of Kennewick, WA, Greg (Tara) Kennard of Cape Girardeau, Matt (Emily) Kennard of Jackson, and Hogan and Hattie Coad of Cape Girardeau; 13 great-grandchildren, Abby, Brooke and Hannah Miller of Anna, IL, Connor and Bennett Kennard of Cape Girardeau, Aiden and Colby Prost of Kennewick, WA, Ada, Lucy, and John Flynn of Chicago, Armin and Jane O'Guin of Waterloo, IL and Kinsley Kennard of Jackson, MO. Nell is also survived by her sister, Catherine Nelson of Cape Girardeau.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday, Aug. 7, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.

Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Notre Dame Regional High School, or Chateau Girardeau Foundation.

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

AUG 7. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Mrs Nell Coad even though I have only know Nell for 17 years is a friendship I will have in my heart forever I will cherish the times we visited Nell would always ask how we where doing before I could get a chance to ask about how she was doing her trust in me will always mean so much.Her story's about her and her sister when younger was such a special thing to share. Oh yes I never went hungry when ever I took her car back what a trade off a clean car for a bag full of chips and cookies.Friends of Mrs Nell Coad Les and Donna Conway.

Lester Conway - August 03, 2017 at 09:54 PM

SO

“ Tim and Jen,

So sorry for your loss.You will be in my prayers for comfort during this very difficult time.



Susie Pickett O'Connell - August 03, 2017 at 09:08 PM

BP

“ Nell was a funny and fun person and I know she will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Blessings, Neil & Beverly Prater

Beverly Prater - August 03, 2017 at 07:33 PM

DB

Nell was such a strong and classy Lady. Thoughts of her and Joe always makes me smile.

Dennis Brown - August 08, 2017 at 02:11 PM