



Edvira A. Rhodes

December 10, 2009

Edvira A. Rhodes, 82, of Cape Girardeau, MO, passed away Thursday, December 10, 2009 at her residence in Cape Girardeau, MO. She was born July 14, 1927 in Kelso, MO to Edward Valentine Messmer and Clara Martin Messmer. She and Francis E. Rhodes were married November 25, 1948 in Kelso, Missouri. Vera held her family dear to her heart. She used her many talents though the years as a volunteer at St. Francis Medical Center, Birthright, and St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church. Survivors include her husband, Francis E. "Gene" Rhodes Six Daughters, Patricia Bratton (Gary Lynch) Cape Girardeau, MO, Teresa (Jim) Maurer, Cape Girardeau, MO, Carla (Craig) Millham, Jackson, MO, Mary Suzanne (Jim) Vickery, Cape Girardeau, MO, Bonnie (Roger) Poythress, Jackson, MO, Elaine (Brad) Buessink, Jackson, MO, One Brother, Cletus Messmer, Scott City, MO, 21 Grandchildren, 17 Great Grandchildren, Niece, Anne Amelunke, and numerous other nieces and nephews She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, two sisters, and one infant grand daughter. Friends may call at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home on Friday, December 11, 2009 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and will resume Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday, December 12, 2009 at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau with Rev. David Hulshof officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Cape Girardeau. Memorial contributions may be given to Birthright or The American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Uncle Gene & Family, I am sad to hear about your wife (mom), it is someone who can not be replaced. Aunt Edvira was one of a kind. She will be dearly missed. I love all of you, and you will be in my prayers. Peace, Michael R. Messmer, Dallas TX

Michael R. Messmer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ To Gene, Theresa, and Jim Also Jeff, Lori, and Melissa and families Your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort your family at this time. Diane Hale--Ira and Diana Judd and family

Diane "Judd" Hale, Ira and Diana Judd and family - December 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Gene and children, we are so sorry for your loss. Vera was such a warm and wonderful lady. May God comfort you in the days and months ahead.

Don & Mary Kirn - December 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ We are sadden to hear of the passing of Mrs Rhodes. We apolgize for not being able to come to the viewing due to previous commitments. May God send his ever present love and compassion as you mourn the loss of your mother.

Brian and Tammy Dreyer - December 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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Diane "Judd" Hale, Ira and Diana Judd and family - December 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mrs. Rhodes was an inspiration to many people. She was my sponsor in RCIA. I admired her for her faith and love for her family. She gave me a rosary which I will always cherish.

Ward, Barbara (and Harold) - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Dear Uncle Gene and Family, We are deeply saddened by your loss. Please take comfort in knowing that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are certain that many lives are touched by her death because of all her good works. She brought us great comfort with her heartfelt tribute to Mom at her funeral. Sincerely, Bill and Kay

Bill and Kay Whittaker - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Carla and your family. I would like for you all to know we are with you in our thoughts and prayers. I feel sad for your Father who has lost his best Friend and soul mate & the little people who cannot understand. Your Mother was a Beautiful Lady . Judy and family

Judy Millham - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *What a wonderfully classy lady! Along with her husband, Mrs. Rhodes raised 6 wonderfully individual and independent daughters. She will live on in them.*

Gerri Bollinger - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Dear Rhodes Family, My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you. Mrs. Rhodes was one of the kindest, warmest, most gentle people I have ever known. Where some "moms" would intimidate, she always had such a contented aura that I was immediately comfortable around her. She would greet me with a sincere smile, no matter how she was feeling, and never failed to do so, even in a large crowd. I have always thought of her as the epitome of "class". If anyone would talk about a classy lady, she would be the first to come to mind. Never pretentious, always affectionate, loving, caring, and last, but certainly not least, prayerful. While she will be missed, she taught you girls well enough that she will "live" for generations. Hugs and kisses to Mr. Rhodes. With love, Darlene Bullinger*

Darlene Bullinger - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Edvira and Gene raised a beautiful family and we just want you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Take Care.*

Larry & Betty Essner family - October 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM