



Ella Louise Gateley

June 11, 1928 - November 17, 2020

Ella Louise Gateley passed away peacefully Tuesday evening November 17, 2020 at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where she received very loving care and resided since April, 2020.

She was born June 11, 1928 in Cape Girardeau to the late Roy E. Sanders and Bertha Johnson Sanders. She was a life-long resident of Cape Girardeau, attending May Greene School and graduating from Cape Girardeau Central High School in 1945.

Ella and Melvin R. Gateley were married June 7, 1951. They had two children; Stephen K. Gateley of Nashville, Tennessee and Renauta Gateley McNabb of Cape Girardeau.

Ella was a wonderful Christian woman devoted to the Lord and her family. As a young woman she was the manager of Sears Order Office here in Cape. She took time off to raise her family and went back to work after her children were grown. She then became Church Secretary for First Baptist Church where she served for 18 years.

She loved decorating her home, gardening, and working with crafts. Anyone who knew Ella knew she was a very elegant woman who was always "dressed to the nines". She was a wonderful cook who enjoyed cooking for

family and friends, especially for her three loving grandchildren. She and Melvin were very active in the community and the Church serving on many committees as well as being very active in their Sunday School Class and fellowship groups.

Survivors include a son, Stephen (Melinda) Gateley of Nashville, Tennessee, a daughter Renauta (John) McNabb; three grand children, Stuart (Emily) Gateley, Andrew Gateley and Molly McNabb; as well as a brother Harold Sanders of Niceville, Florida. Ella was preceded in death by both her parents; and her devoted husband Melvin to whom she was married for sixty seven years.

Friends and family are welcome to attend a brief visitation on Saturday November 21, 2020 from 10:00am until 11:00am at Ford and Sons Funeral Home at 1001 North Mt. Auburn Road, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701. A memorial service in the chapel will follow at 11:00am; officiated by the Reverend Kevin Coffee of Lynwood Baptist Church. The family requests that all who choose to attend please wear masks and practice social distancing.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, Ella's family would be pleased if memorial gifts would be made either to Lynwood Baptist Church or to Lynwood Christian Academy both at 2935 Lynwood Hills Drive, Cape Girardeau Missouri, 63701.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com <<http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com>> all arrangements have been coordinated by Ford and Sons Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Very sad to hear of Ella's passing. She was a lovely woman in whose home I spent countless hours as a child. She was always so warm and welcoming. A truly wonderful neighbor. Sending much love and sympathy to Ren, Steve, and their families.*



Donna McNeely Burke - December 14, 2020 at 08:57 PM

CB

“ *Ella was such a special lady. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Christy Bollinger - November 29, 2020 at 12:25 PM

MW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Ella was such a kind and lovely lady. I enjoyed the time I got to share with her. Her and Melvin were friends with my parents and now they are all in heaven together again.*



Mariann Wilson - November 29, 2020 at 09:09 AM

DK

“ *So sorry to hear of Ella's passing, but thrilled to know she is with Melvin and her Lord.. Praying for your special memories to comfort you and the knowledge that we shall all meet again. Love to your family,
Donna Davis Komorech*

DONNA KOMORECH - November 19, 2020 at 11:32 PM

SR

“ *Renauta and Steve,
So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom.
She was a beautiful lady inside and out. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you during this
difficult time.*



Love, Larry and Susan (Ohmart) Ruebel

Susan G Ruebel - November 19, 2020 at 05:16 PM

CS

“ *Mrs Gately was my Sunday school teacher at First Baptist. She &
Mr Gately were friends and church members with my parents at
First Baptist and Lynwood. A very nice family. She will be missed.
Cara Chapman Sprigg*

Cara Chapman Sprigg - November 19, 2020 at 10:12 AM

KG

“ *So sorry to hear about Aunt Ella she was such a great lady! Her and
Uncle Melvin were always so kind to all! Keeping Steve and you in
my prayers. Love you Cousin Kathy Moyers*

Kathy Moyers (Gateley) - November 19, 2020 at 09:29 AM

NB

“ *I admit I never knew Mrs Gateley even though we all lived on
Brookwood. I do remember her husband as a kind soul and her
lovely daughter who had the blackest, prettiest hair! Considering her
family, she must have been a wonderful, kind woman. It showed in
her family. God's speed. Nancy Birk Buchanan*

Nancy Buchanan - November 18, 2020 at 06:25 PM