



## Ellen Joyce James

December 15, 1938 - February 14, 2016

Ellen Joyce James, 77, of Jackson, Missouri died Sunday, February 14, 2016 at her home.

She was born December 15, 1938 in Pascola, MO to Frank A. and Mildred Bowns Rettig .

She and David Franklin James were married Saturday, November 10, 1956 at Columbus , Georgia. He passed away Nov. 18, 1992

Ellen was the wife of a career military officer and a homemaker to her family.

She attended the Church of Christ in Cape Girardeau..

Survivors include :

3 Sons - David A. ( Loreli ) James of Jackson, MO

Eddy D. ( Bonnie ) James of Jackson, MO

Mark James of Kansas City , MO

Brother - Donald R. Rettig, Hayti, MO

8 Grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her parents husband ,2 sisters and 1 brother.

Visitation will be from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel .

Funeral service will be at 1:00 PM Thursday, February 18, 2016 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery .

Memorial contributions may be given to National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund in Washington, DC.

# 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

FEB 17. 4:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

FEB 18. 1:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LR

“ *My favorite memory with gran was when she would play with my hair and tell me to enjoy my curly hair while I was young! And her warm hugs and her kisses leaving the outline of her bright red lipstick forever will gran be missed! Love you uncle Eddy uncle mark and uncle Allen*

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**Lauren riney** - February 18, 2016 at 10:44 PM

RR

“ *Mark, Eddie, and Alan;*

*Please know that your mother was an incredible lady. As a little boy, I was aware of her beauty, and I loved her smile. You are blessed to have had her raise you.*

*With the Peace that Surpasses Understanding,  
Chuck and Jenny Rettig*

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**Rick Rettig** - February 17, 2016 at 02:25 PM

MJ

*Thank you so much Rick.*

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**Mark James** - February 18, 2016 at 09:41 AM



*Thank You Rick, we were lucky for sure as you were, we will never forget Aunt Pete for the same reasons. Her laughter will stay with me forever.*

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**David James** - February 18, 2016 at 10:03 AM

SC

“ Mark, I just received word of your mother's passing. I can see from the photograph that she was absolutely beautiful outside and I can tell by the person that you are that she was also beautiful inside. I know you and your family will miss her, but it is my sincere belief that this thing that we call death is simply the state of invisibility to us who are so focused on what we can see. I believe that her spirit will live on in you and all those who knew and loved her. In the words of one of my favorite poets, James Dillet Freeman, "She has put on invisibility. Dear Lord, I cannot see--But this I know, although the road ascends And passes from my sight, That there will be no night; That You will take her gently by the hand And lead her on Along the road of life that never ends, And she will find it is not death but dawn. I do not doubt that You are there as here, And You will hold her dear. Our life did not begin with birth, It is not of the earth; And this that we call death, it is no more Than the opening and closing of a door, And in Your house how many rooms must be, Beyond this one where we rest momentarily. Dear Lord, I thank You for the faith that frees, The love that knows it cannot lose its own; The love that, looking through the shadows, sees That You and she and I are ever one!" Mark, I do hope these words bring you comfort as they have for me as I've experienced the transition of many of my loved ones. I know God is blessing you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Sandra Campbell** - February 17, 2016 at 12:43 PM

MJ

*Thank you Sandra.*

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**Mark James** - February 18, 2016 at 09:37 AM

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“ Eddy, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I understand the pain you're going through. Bonnie I know you did all you could to help Ellen with her illness. What a wonderful daughter-in-law you were. I know you all have had many sad times. My heartfelt condolences also go out to Allen and Mark and the rest of your family even though I'm not sure that you remember me. May peace be with you all. Leslie Riney

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**Leslie Riney** - February 17, 2016 at 12:18 PM



*Thank You Leslie*

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**David James** - February 18, 2016 at 10:05 AM

BE

“ Mark, so sorry to hear about your mother. It is never easy losing a parent. We do know she is at peace and in a better place. May your many wonderful memories comfort you during the days ahead and make you smile many times over.

*Blessings to you and your family,  
Bev*

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**Bev** - February 17, 2016 at 11:59 AM

MJ

*Thank you Bev.*

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**Mark James** - February 18, 2016 at 09:38 AM