



## Elvira Stearns Hendrickson

November 9, 1928 - August 18, 2016

Elvira Stearns Hendrickson, 87, of Jackson entered into her eternal home Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016, at the Lutheran Home.

She was born Nov. 9, 1928 in Perryville, Missouri, to Julius A. and Albertine (Hornberger) Weber. She was baptized, confirmed and married at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville. On June 22, 1947, she was joined in marriage to W. Kenneth Stearns, and four children were born to this union. She later married James H. Hendrickson on July 13, 1987, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Jackson.

Mother was known as an excellent cook. She loved gardening, canning and tending to her flowers. For many years she cooked for the Concordia Guild of St. Paul Lutheran Church, where she helped to serve grieving families.

She retired from the radiation oncology department at SoutheastHEALTH and was deputy clerk of the Cape Girardeau County Magistrate Court for many years.

She is survived by a son, Bill Stearns (Donna Payne); daughters, Sandra Stearns Hughey and Debra Stearns (Joe) McIntire, and stepson, James (Dr. Karen) Hendrickson; grandsons, Tyler (Theresa) Stearns, Clayton Durant, Taylor (Michelle) Durant, Mackenzie (Michelle) Stearns, Rhett (Jennifer) Hendrickson and Ryan Hendrickson, and granddaughter, Jessica Stearns (Keith Metcalf); seven great-grandchildren and a sister-in-law, Georgia Stearns Carron of Perryville. In addition she is survived by her Hornberger and Weber first cousins, who remained close to her heart throughout her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Kenneth Wayne Stearns; husband, James Hendrickson and stepfather Harry Van Voelker.

Visitation will be Monday, August 22, 2016 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ford and Sons Funeral Home – Jackson. Funeral service will be Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Jackson with Rev. Josh Schmidt officiating.

Burial will follow at Russell Heights Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Concordia Guild of St. Paul Lutheran Church or the Humane Society of Southeast Missouri.

# Cemetery Details

## Russell Heights

Jackson, MO 63755

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Jackson  
708 W. Main Street  
Jackson, MO 63755  
(573) 243-2541  
info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com>

## Service

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
223 West Adams  
Jackson, MO 63755

# Tribute Wall

GB

*“ I will treasure the times we were able to get together even though I won't be able to come to your funeral-also all the phone calls back & forth I will never forget what a kind & generous person you were.  
Love, Your Cousin Gerri Beckmann*

Gerri Beckmann - August 22, 2016 at 10:04 AM



*“ Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Elvira Stearns Hendrickson.*



August 21, 2016 at 09:17 PM

KW

*“ We are so very sorry to hear about your mom.  
We hope that the love of your friends and family will get you and your family through this difficult time. Hopefully your fond memories  
Will help in the days ahead.  
With Love, Dave and Kathy Werning*

kathy werning - August 21, 2016 at 08:08 PM

TS

*“ Hello Family I am sorry to hear about your Mother she was wonderful lady I am really glad I knew her Thank you all for letting her be at Assited Living East we all enjoy her . You all are in my prayers . Your friend Mrs. Tammy Schleinger.*

Tammy Schleinger - August 21, 2016 at 04:55 PM

DN

“ *Doug & Paula Niswonger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elvira Stearns Hendrickson.*



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**Doug & Paula Niswonger** - August 21, 2016 at 08:34 AM

NM

“ *Jim and Karen, so sorry for your loss, Elvira and I shared many patients and their families during her time in radiation therapy department. She was a sweet and caring lady. God bless you and your family. Nancy Mattingly*

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**Nancy Mattingly** - August 20, 2016 at 09:46 PM

CS

“ *So sorry about your mom.... I've known Elvira forever it seems, starting with working with Sandy at Jones Drug many years ago and most recently at the Jackson Senior Center. She always brought yellow tomatoes to share with her friends....Great memories with a great lady..... Clayton Scheper*

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**clayton scheper** - August 20, 2016 at 02:27 PM

SC

“ *Sara Bishop Cohen purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Elvira Stearns Hendrickson.*



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**Sara Bishop Cohen** - August 20, 2016 at 12:12 PM

DC

“ Donna Cernoch purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elvira Stearns Hendrickson.



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**Donna Cernoch** - August 19, 2016 at 07:29 PM

DC

“ Debbie it was so good meeting your mother when she came to Texas. I really enjoyed taking her to the beauty shop and she was so sweet to share her recipe for Peanut Butter Marshmallow Cookies. She was a special lady...she will be missed.

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**Donna Cernoch** - August 19, 2016 at 06:21 PM