



## Estelle Bess Ricketts

June 26, 1918 - January 5, 2017

Estelle Bess Ricketts, 98, of Greensboro, North Carolina, formerly of Cape Girardeau, passed away Thursday, January 5, 2017 at her home in North Carolina.

She was born June 26, 1918 in Portageville, Missouri to the late William and Ollie (Sitze) Bess.

Estelle and William A. Ricketts were married November 25, 1938 in Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death.

She attended Central Methodist College in Fayette, MO and Southeast Missouri State Teachers College. Estelle was a pre-school and primary school teacher for much of her life, also a member of DAR and Order of Eastern Star. She was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church.

Survivors include sons, Bill (Camille) Ricketts of Springfield, MO, Bob (Donna) Ricketts of Ballston Lake, NY and Tom (Charlotte) Ricketts of Cary, NC; daughters, Jeanne (Ed) Ayer of Greensboro, NC and Mary (Curt) Zargan of Mascoutah, IL; 14 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; niece, Sue Bess Hunt of Cape Girardeau, MO; nephews, Jim Bess of Oneonta, AL, Mike Ricketts of St. Charles, MO and David Ricketts of St. Louis, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William A. Ricketts; brother, James William Bess, Jr.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Jeff Long officiating.

Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a Christian charity of your choice.

# 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

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1313  
[info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)  
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## Service

JAN 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

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