



Freda "Bernice" Wagner

February 9, 1925 - March 19, 2016

Freda "Bernice" Wagner, 91, died Saturday evening, March 19, 2016 at the Lutheran Home, Assisted Living West.

She was born February 9, 1925 in Lyman, Mississippi, the daughter of Clarence Ross and Laura Augusta Thurmond Latham.

She was married June 29, 1946 in Cape Girardeau to Delmar Andward Wagner.

Bernice was a 1941 graduate of Morehouse High School, near Sikeston, Missouri. She attended the former Steimle Business College in Cape Girardeau and was a member of the Zeta Iota Business Sorority. She worked initially for Metropolitan Insurance Co., then Capaha Loan and Finance, and later for Riverside Lumber Co. as an office manager.

She was a member of Grace Methodist Church for many years. When she retired her family moved to a small farm near Whitewater, Missouri where they joined the Whitewater Methodist Church. She returned to Cape Girardeau in recent years and joined her many friends at the Emerald Street First Church of God.

Bernice had a strong faith in God and was a kind and loving wife, Mother,

Grandmother and Great-grandmother. She had many lifelong friends who will miss her. She enjoyed all facets of quilt making and has made many beautiful quilts that were given as gifts to family and friends. She loved reading, cooking and gardening and spent many happy hours in her flower and vegetable gardens.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Kathy Wagner of Jackson; a granddaughter and husband, Dr. Hope C. Beatte and Brian Beatte of Aurora, Colorado; a grandson and wife, Andrew K. Wagner, R.A. (Registered Architect) and Bethany Claff Wagner of Haddon Township, New Jersey; one sister, Loretta Crenshaw of Sikeston, Missouri and three great grandchildren, Quinn Beatte and Laird Beatte of Aurora, and Lola Wagner of Haddon Township. She is also survived by many special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter, Anita Marie Parrish (February 12, 2007); husband, Delmar A. Wagner (November 4, 2007); brothers, Ray and Merrill Latham.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 23, 2016 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Robert Hendrix officiating.

Private burial will take place at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in the form of donations are suggested to the Emerald Street First Church of God, 500 Emerald St., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

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

MAR 23. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Bob and Kathy,
We were so sorry to read of your loss. We'll always remember
Bernice as such a sweet and gracious lady. Please know that you
will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days to come.*

John and Mary Caldwell

Mary Caldwell - March 23, 2016 at 03:23 PM

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“ *Bernice is my Mother-in-law. I'm married to her wonderful son Bob.
Many years ago when Bob and I were dating Bernice invited us out
to her and Delmar's farm to share a meal with them. I remember
she had the table set beautifully. Everything in it's place. The most
beautiful dishes with pink roses on them. I was so impressed. A
couple of weeks later we were invited for lunch. The table was set
with the cutest chicken plates. I had never seen anything like them.
It wasn't long before we were invited out to celebrate Easter. I
walked into the dining room and again, the most beautiful antique
bone colored dishes with a blue design. The table was complete
with cloth napkins and glasses to match. Bernice was a wonderful
cook. Especially good at baking desserts. I remember an apricot pie
she made. Still to this day it was the best dessert I have ever eaten.
Bernice was the most thoughtful and generous Mother-in-law. I
loved watching her interact with her grand kids. I have so many
wonderful memories of her but my first impression will always stick
with me. I'll always remember her for her many sets of dishes and
how beautifully she could set a table.*

Kathy Wagner - March 22, 2016 at 01:16 AM

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Bob and Kathy Wagner - March 21, 2016 at 11:23 PM

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