



Geneva LaVerne Godwin

March 4, 1924 - December 19, 2019

Geneva LaVerne Godwin, 95, of Jackson, passed away Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019 at Chateau Girardeau.

She was born March 4, 1924 in Hickory Grove, Missouri to Wilfred Smith and Cora May (Penturf) Brown.

Geneva married Cletus Runnels on May 10, 1942; he preceded her in death in April of 1945. She then married Edward John King on July 3, 1947; he preceded her in death on February 26, 1970. On November 6, 1971 she married Oswald Pingel; he preceded her in death on December 19, 1985. She then married Arnell F. Godwin on June 17, 1989; he preceded her in death on November 25, 1998.

Geneva was a 1942 of Delta High School, graduated with a B.S. in education in 1958 from Southeast Missouri State University and received a masters from the University of Missouri Columbia and Truman State.

For the first twelve years of teaching she taught 1-8th grades at Hickory Grove, then taught at Round Pond Schools and Cane Creek. In February of 1955 she came to Jackson and taught 3rd grade until 1964. Lastly she taught at Ft. Zumwalt in O'Fallon for 21 years. She retired from teaching June 6, 1985.

She was a member of New McKendree United Methodist Church, the Wesleyan Circle, United Methodist Women, Missouri Retired Teachers Association and was recording secretary for the Greater St. Louis Air Stream Association. Geneva enjoyed camping, reading, gardening and traveling.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Carol Slusher (the late Charles); brother's-in-law, JD (Lee) King, Leo King (the late Wanda), Lyman (Deloris) King, Gene (Sue) King and Tommy (Diane) King; step-son, Wayne Godwin of Jackson; step-daughters, Gaitha Athens of Columbia, Missouri, Carolyn Kipp, Mary Lou Petot and Nancy Caldejon, all of Perryville, Missouri; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her four husbands.

Funeral service will be Monday, Dec. 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Ford and Sons-Jackson. Visitation will be Monday from 11:00 a.m. until service time.

Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to New McKendree United Methodist Church or Southeast Hospice.

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

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Jackson
708 W. Main Street
Jackson, MO 63755

Service

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford - Jackson
708 W. Main Street
Jackson, MO 63755

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geneva LaVerne Godwin.*



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“ *Geneva and our mother, (her cousin), Alfreda Nash, did a good bit of traveling together. Geneva always had fun and a ready smile. She was always there to celebrate and give condolences, too. She came from Jackson to St. Louis to celebrate mom's 80th birthday, and came again, with our cousin, Wayne, for mom's funeral in 2008. She liked to stay in touch. We will always remember her outgoing personality and kindness.*

Linda Nash and Patricia Tippit

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Geneva always talked about Alfreda and the fun they had. Thank you for the kind words

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“ *Carolyn, Mary and Nancy purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Geneva LaVerne Godwin.*



Carolyn, Mary and Nancy - December 20, 2019 at 05:20 PM