



Gertrude Killen

November 28, 1929 - October 13, 2020

Gertrude Margie Killen, 90, of Cape Girardeau died Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the Lutheran Home.

She was born November 28, 1929 in Puxico, Missouri to Martin and Avis Potter Reiter. She grew up as a member of Fairview United Methodist Church in Puxico, where she will be laid to rest.

She was a high school graduate of Bloomfield High School. She was also a graduate of Goldfarb School of Nursing at Jewish Hospital in Saint Louis and practiced nurse anesthesia at University of Tennessee in Memphis.

She was a pioneer in the field of Nurse Anesthesia, becoming one of the first Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists in the country. She had a long career, providing surgical anesthesia for thousands of patients over the years. After retiring from anesthesia, she ran a successful business with her husband James until they both retired again. They eventually made their home in Cape Girardeau near family, where they both became members of LaCroix United Methodist Church, and where she resided after his death.

Her family and her faith were most important to her.

Survivors include three sons, James (Teresa) Killen Jr. of Franklin, Kentucky,

Thomas (Debbie) Killen of Franklin, Kentucky and Michael (Lisa) Killen of Cape Girardeau; two step-daughters, Susan Spurgeon of Florence, Alabama and Kathy Sanderson of Rogersville, Alabama; seven grandchildren, Shawn Killen, Jill Buckley, Amanda Thurman, Matt Killen, Nathan Killen, Stephen Killen, Emily Killen; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Claudette (Laddy) Jines of Dexter, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by parents; husband; two brothers, Ernest Reiter and John Reiter; and a step-daughter, Diane Hill.

Graveside Service will be at 1:00 pm Friday, October 16, 2020 at Fairview Cemetery in Puxico with Art Norris officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Fairview United Methodist Church in Puxico or LaCroix United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery - Puxico

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **16**. 1:00 PM.

Fairview Cemetery - Puxico

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gertrude Killen.*



October 15, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gertrude Killen.*



October 15, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ *Marla, Tim and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gertrude Killen.*



Marla, Tim and Family - October 15, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ To Jim Killen, Teresa and Family. I know there is nothing I can say or do to help you all in this difficult time but I am praying that Peace and Happiness over comes you all in the weeks ahead! I Loved your Mom she was a Beautiful lady inside and out and she was like a second Mom to me! We Love You All, Sincerely, Tom & Yvonne VanCleve

Tom VanCleve - October 15, 2020 at 11:45 AM