



## Gloria A. Merriman

April 24, 1947 - January 3, 2024

Gloria Ann (Burchyett) Merriman, 76, of Cape Girardeau, MO passed from this life on January 3, 2024.

Gloria was born on April 24, 1947 to Raymond and Lois (Colyer) Burchyett in Cape Girardeau, MO. She was a 1965 graduate of Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake, IL. She worked as a dental assistant for many years before transferring to work at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO. She was a loving wife to Kenny Merriman for 31 years.

In her younger years, Gloria was an active member of McClure United Pentecostal Church where she was baptized in Jesus' name and received the Holy Spirit. At her passing she was a member of Apostolic Promise Church, Cape Girardeau, MO.

When Rachel, Gloria's daughter, was born, Gloria dedicated her life to being a wonderful and loving mother. As the oldest sibling of six, she was a beloved sister and aunt. Gloria was an excellent giver with a servant's heart, enjoyed being a part of any special occasion in the family, and always wanted everyone to feel included. Her daughter, Rachel, her nieces, nephews, and Sunday School children always put a smile on her face. Whether it was supporting Rachel through the Navy or taking care of her husband and parents, she was a constant cheerleader and loving supporter. In addition to

loving God and people, some of Gloria's favorite things were sweet tea, chocolate, ice cream, traveling, shopping and Christmas.

She is survived by her husband, Kenny Merriman; her daughter, Rachel Fowler of Cape Girardeau; siblings Joan Kellogg (John Kellogg) of Arthur, IL; Terry Burchyett (Rhonda Burchyett) of Franklin, TN; Mark Burchyett (Janet Burchyett) of Buckeye, AZ; and Sheri June Moses (Robert Moses), missionaries to Estonia and Russia; as well as three step children, nine step grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond (Bud) and Lois Burchyett; her brother, Brad Burchyett (surviving wife Audrey Burchyett), and nephew, Kent Burchyett.

The family requests that donations be made to Lindsey Cemetery, McClure, IL or The Apostolic Promise Church, Cape Girardeau, MO.

Visitation will be 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, January 5, 2024 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home Mt. Auburn in Cape Girardeau, MO.

A celebration of life will be at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home Mt. Auburn in Cape with Pastor David Kellogg officiating.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Ceremony

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn  
1001 N Mt Auburn Road  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall



“ Gloria and her whole family has always been a steadfast spot of love.  
It's hard to imagine her not being there.  
Many prayers for the whole family.

Carol Milliken - January 10, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gloria A. Merriman.

January 10, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ Gloria grew up across the street from my mom, Judy Woodard. They were such good friends as was the whole Burchyett family! Then her sister, Sheri June, was born, and my mom had me. We became life long friends too. Lois, Bud, and all the sisters and brothers have been such a part of our lives! I have nothing but wonderful memories that I cherish. The stories we can tell are endless that thread through the entire beautiful family. May God continue to bless this family I love so dearly with happiness. I love you all so much! Lana

Lana Fite - January 05, 2024 at 11:23 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria A. Merriman.



January 05, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gloria A. Merriman.*



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January 05, 2024 at 08:56 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Gloria A. Merriman.*



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January 04, 2024 at 08:54 PM



“ *Your cousin Brenda and Dick Robertson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria A. Merriman.*

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**Your cousin Brenda and Dick Robertson** - January 04, 2024 at 08:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gloria A. Merriman.*



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“ *Reatha, Steve and Gayle Fogarty purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Gloria A. Merriman.*



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**Reatha, Steve and Gayle Fogarty** - January 04, 2024 at 04:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria A. Merriman.*



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January 04, 2024 at 01:16 PM