



## Iona Williams

April 18, 1932 - August 23, 2025

Iona Williams, 93, of Cape Girardeau, died August 23, 2025 at Lost Creek Lodge in Greenville, Missouri.

She was born April 18, 1932, in Cape Girardeau to Albert and Mary Jane Cook Sebastian.

She and Harry Williams were married June 21, 1963, in Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death on December 31, 2004.

She was a top stitcher at International Shoe and Hay Day Shoe. She also worked for her family at Travelers Café and Sebastian's Café.

In 1973 Iona and her brother Billy Sebastian opened Lost Creek Lodge on Wappapello Lake in Greenville MO. For 52 years folks from all over came there for fishing, laughter and friendship.

She was a Life member of Maple Avenue Methodist Church and Royal Neighbors of America.

Survivors include nephews, Joe (Abby) Popp and Gerald Popp; niece, Tammy Popp; great nieces and nephews, Jennifer (Tim) Becker, Joanne Popp, Jonathan Popp, Jamie (Tim) Maklary, Brian Popp (Beth), Justin (Morgan)

Popp, Cory (Amber) Popp, Jackie (Chris) McAllister, Jessica (Ben) Vinyard, Rikki (Steven) McCarthy, William (Tiffani) Popp; great, great nephews and nieces, Tabitha Martin (Kevin), Emma, Matthew, Jackson, Kyleigh, Jeremiah, TJ, Max "Buster", Wyatt, Nora, Natalie, Luca, Chance, Courtney, Averie, Taylor, Elliot, Mariella, Lily, Oliver, and Bailey; great grandchildren, Gage Shipman, Gretta Shipman and Gracen Trickey; cherished friends, Harold and Tuttie Vanhuss, Ann Hudson and Donna Yarbrow and numerous church friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, William Dean Sebastian; sister, Juanita Popp of Cape Girardeau; nephew, Larry Popp of Cape Girardeau; and stepdaughter, Della Lukow of Cape Girardeau.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm Thursday, August 28, 2025 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be 11:00 am Friday, August 29, 2025 at the funeral home with the Rev. Jeff Estes officiating.

Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Maple United Methodist Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Fairmount Cemetery

835 Caruthers  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 28.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

**AUG 29.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Iona Williams.* ”



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August 27, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *Worked at Emerson with Bill Sebastian. When Bill bought Lost Creek Lodge, it was an excellent place for us to have a cabin & fish for Crappie. When Bill passed, Iona, then Gerald ran the lodge. We have very fond memories of fishing from there. One of Iona's favorite sayings was 'well that's the way it goes sometimes.' I think it's engraved on a plaque in the Lodge. She always had a great big smile. We have had an annual streak of a family spring fishing trip from Lost Creek since 1982. My condolences to the family. Thanks for the special memories. Bob Gones, Mike Gones, Dave Gones, Bill Brinker, Ray Frillman, and (Red Summers-now passed).* ”

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**Bob Gones** - August 26, 2025 at 10:15 PM



*YES!! that is still hanging behind the counter at the lake!!!*

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**jennikbeck** - August 27, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ *The Statler Cousin Families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Iona Williams.* ”



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**The Statler Cousin Families** - August 26, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Iona Williams.



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August 26, 2025 at 02:18 PM