



## Irene Altha Richardson

January 27, 1926 - March 22, 2019

Irene Altha Richardson, 93, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, died peacefully in her sleep on Friday, March 22, 2019, at Chateau Girardeau.

She was born January 27, 1926, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to Raymond J. and Katherine Rogers Ford.

She and Stanley Banks Richardson were married November 26, 1945, at Jackson, Missouri.

In addition to being a devoted wife and mother, she enjoyed playing cards with friends and family and was a regular at bingo games throughout Southeast Missouri for 40-plus years. She worked at International Shoe Factory and Davis Electric in Cape Girardeau in the 1940s and '50s.

She was a member of St. Mary Cathedral since her baptism in 1926 and attended both Catholic and public schools in Cape Girardeau.

Survivors include her husband, Stanley Banks Richardson of Cape Girardeau; three sons, Stanley Banks (Jeanne) Richardson Jr. of Saint Charles, Missouri; Kenneth Ray Richardson of Cape Girardeau; and Charles Darren Richardson of Cape Girardeau and Los Angeles; two daughters, Constance Ann Wells of Fruitland, Missouri, and MaDonna Sue (Doug) Niemeier of Cape Girardeau,

Missouri; five granddaughters, three grandsons, three great-granddaughters and four great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepmother, Ella McCormick Ford; a twin sister, Geraldine Wright; an older sister, Helen Hartmann; two older brothers, Raymond "Tiny" Ford and John Ford; and a stepbrother, Bill Ford.

Visitation will be held 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 24, 2019, at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau, with parish prayers at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Monday, March 25, 2019, at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Allan Saunders officiating.

Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Alzheimer's Association.

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

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Parish Prayers

MAR **24.** 7:30 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

MAR **25.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral  
615 William St.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703



# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *RIP dear Irene. You will be missed by your TLC friends at Chateau Girardeau. Prayers for love & peace to your family & friends.*

**Betty Brown** - March 30, 2019 at 12:13 PM

JW

“ *I will miss your Mom's homemade chocolate pies! Deepest sympathy to the Richardson family. Love, Russ and Jackie Waltz, Mason MI*

**Jacqueline Waltz** - March 23, 2019 at 10:04 PM

BH

“ *My dear Richardson life-long friends:*

*My deepest condolences to each of you. "Wiener," her loving nickname, was a real firecracker, always witty and ready for fun! Having known her my entire life, I know she enriched my life in a myriad of ways. I like to picture her playing cards and bingo 24/7 with the angels now, laughing non-stop.*

*With much love,  
Betty (Phelps) Hellige*

**Betty Hellige** - March 23, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Irene Altha Richardson.*



March 23, 2019 at 10:15 AM