



## Jean Kathryn Sander

February 2, 1928 - April 15, 2020

Jean Kathryn Sander, 92, of Cape Girardeau passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at Chateau Girardeau.

She was born Feb. 6, 1928, in Cape Girardeau to the late Otto Henry and Dora Marie Bingenheimer Nothdurft.

Jean and Vernon Henry Sander were married Aug. 22, 1948, at Grace Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death.

Jean was a lifetime resident of Cape Girardeau, graduating from Southeast Missouri State University in 1948 with a degree in education leading to a decade as a physical education teacher in the Cape Girardeau School District. She then became a mother and devoted her remaining years to her family and home, while also continuing to be an active member of her church, Grace United Methodist, where she was involved in United Methodist Women, along with serving as an organist and choir member for over 40 years.

Jean enjoyed many hobbies and activities, including sewing, crafts, furniture refinishing, bridge club and travel. She was also a sports fan and enjoyed being active with bowling and golf for many years. She achieved a golf highlight in 1996 at age 68 with a hole-in-one on No. 18 at Kimbeland Country Club in Jackson.

Never afraid to laugh or to solicit a laugh, she entertained her many friends and family with her sharp wit and dry sense of humor.

Loving survivors include her children, Cindy (Steve) Lashley of Saint

Charles, Missouri; Tim (Erika) Sander of Fairview Heights, Illinois; and Lisa Ruch of Millersville; granddaughter, Megan Ruch; nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Vernon Sander; and brothers, Ivan and Clifton Nothdurft.

A private graveside service will be Saturday at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery, with the Rev. Eric Schmidt officiating.

The family will have a public memorial service later this summer.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Grace United Methodist Church, Aging Matters or Southeast Hospice.

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

Ford and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery**

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

GI

“ Jean was always such a friendly person. Our congregation at Grace United Methodist Church enjoyed her pipe organ talent for many years as our organist. I know her family will miss her so much as well as her church family! Peace and good memories are sent to her family. Sincerely, Greg Illers

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**GREG ILLERS** - April 20, 2020 at 08:34 AM

CL

Greg, thank you for your kind words. We are glad to know so many appreciated Mom's organ playing, as we did, for all those years.

Thanks for sharing your memories.

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**Cindy Sander Lashley** - April 20, 2020 at 01:33 PM

JB

“ Dear Cindy, Tim, Lisa and families,

Mike and I were saddened to hear of Aunt Jean's passing but glad she can be with her loved ones in Heaven. Growing up, I always looked forward to our Thanksgiving visits to Cape and spending time in your home which seemed like a castle on a hill to me as a child! Aunt Jean was always so much fun and always had activities, cooking, or games to fill our time. We loved having little cousins to play with and even babies to hold before you became toddlers. I will miss her smile and those big brown eyes like my dad's! Hopefully all those memories of the happy times you shared with your mom will bring you comfort and peace.

Sending loving thoughts and prayers your way,  
Julie and Mike Blau

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**Julie Blau** - April 19, 2020 at 01:05 PM

TS

*Thank you so much Julie for your memories. Many happy times for sure.*

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**Timothy Sander** - April 19, 2020 at 08:45 PM

CL

*Julie, we are thankful you have fond memories--we all have fun memories of visiting your family in Kansas City as well. Mom always looked forward to those trips to see the KC5.*

*Appreciate you sharing your kind words and hope you and your family are doing well.*

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**Cindy Sander Lashley** - April 20, 2020 at 01:30 PM

WK

“ *Cindy and family,  
So sorry for your loss. So many good memories listening to Jean play the organ.  
God bless,  
Wes Kinsey*

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**Wes Kinsey** - April 18, 2020 at 05:33 PM

TS

*Thank you Wes. I came to love a lot of old hymns listening to Mom play. She always cherished her church family so very much.*

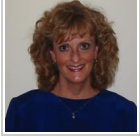
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**Timothy Sander** - April 19, 2020 at 08:55 PM

CL

*Wes, thank you for your kind words about Mom. We share those organ-playing memories with you. Mom used to tell the story of how far she had to walk to and from her organ lessons. I would roll my eyes and thank her, telling her how well that effort paid off!*

*Hope you and your family are well...take care!*

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**Cindy Sander Lashley** - April 20, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ *My Dear Aunt Jean - I have always been proud to have my middle name as her namesake and have been told that I take after her in looks as well - so it is fitting!*



*I remember at Thanksgivings coming to Cape and visiting their house which I always thought was on such a steep hill. I remember sledding down that hill and the fun times we had. I enjoyed listening to her play the organ. I also remember making apple sauce. I liked sneaking up the stairs with her to peak at my cousins while they were sleeping. It was exciting to me that she had 'babies' since all my other cousins were older or close to my age. I remember one time in Kansas City when she was visiting, that we were snowed in and she walked with me and my sisters which seemed like miles to the grocery store.*

*Although distance kept us apart for most of my adult years, she always seemed close at heart and I always enjoy looking at pictures of her and the 'Nothdurft' family pictures I have hanging in our guest bedroom.*

*Our condolences to all the family.*

*Donna Jean Nothdurft & Ron VanAtta*

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**Donna Nothdurft** - April 17, 2020 at 06:37 PM

TS

*Thanks Donna. Definitely see the family resemblance. And thanks for not waking me up.*

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**Timothy Sander** - April 19, 2020 at 08:48 PM

CL

*Donna, thank you for sharing your favorite memories with us. Mom always admired your long, red hair, so I think she might have been just a tad jealous of your looks!*

*Hope things are going well for you, and you and Ron are enjoying life!*

*Please give your mom a hug for us!*

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**Cindy Sander Lashley** - April 20, 2020 at 01:24 PM

CB

“ *One of the fondest memories I have of my 'Aunt Jean' is when we came to Cape & the Sander's house one summer as young girls and she taught us how to make applesauce! Always loved her sense of humor!*

*"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure". She was a real treasure and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*Love, Carol (Randy) Bradshaw*

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**Carol Bradshaw** - April 17, 2020 at 02:13 PM

TS

*Thank you Carol. I always liked applesauce as a kid (one of the few things I liked probably). I watched her make it a few times and remember thinking how it looked like hard work. Great memory.*

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**Timothy Sander** - April 19, 2020 at 08:52 PM

CL

*Carol and Family, Thank you for the quote about memories and treasures. We will certainly remember it.*

*And, regarding the applesauce, it might have been fun for you, Donna, and Julie, but it was work for me as a young girl when you weren't around to help her--ha ha! Hope you are doing well. Thanks for sharing with us!*

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**Cindy Sander Lashley** - April 20, 2020 at 01:20 PM

TP

*Dear Cindy and Family,  
So Sorry for your loss.  
Tammy Roloff Popp*

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**Tammy Popp** - April 20, 2020 at 05:10 PM