



## Jeanne Ellen Crites

April 1, 1939 - July 8, 2021

The beloved Jeanne Ellen (Watson) Crites, 82, of Jackson, was called home Thursday, July 8th at Saint Francis Medical Center surrounded by family.

She was born in Cape Girardeau and was the youngest daughter of William and Flora Watson. Shortly after she and Frank Crites were married, they relocated to Carbondale, IL where they raised their family. They were married for 60 years before his passing in April of 2020.

Jeanne was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. She had a servant's heart and had an unwavering love and faith in God. She had an obsession for dogs and birds. She was an amazing seamstress, artist, and organizer. She had an incredible smile and laugh, and loved spending time with her family and friends, especially her granddaughters.

Jeanne was a member of Maple United Methodist Church. She was an active member in all of the churches that she attended throughout her lifetime, and was a former Eastern Star member.

Jeanne held many jobs throughout her working career. She retired from SIU Carbondale in 2002. After her retirement, she served as a Hospice volunteer for several years.

Jeanne is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Frank, her parents, and all her siblings. She is survived by her two sons, David (Laura) and Jeffery (Cindy) and her four granddaughters, Christine, Michelle (Patrick), Kaitlyn and Rachel (Lane) as well as several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 10 am to 12 pm on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel. The service will follow starting at 12 pm. Entombment will be at the Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum.

A memoriam donation suggestion is the Maple United Methodist Church (designated to the building fund), 2441 Jean Ann Drive, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1313  
[info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUL 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jeanne in high school was one off the nicest girls in the class.I am sorry for your loss and she will be missed by all who knew her.*

Harold buckner - July 17, 2021 at 08:50 PM

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“ *Hearing about your mother's death broke my heart. She was such a good friend of my mom at The Villas. My mother's stroke-induced language disability made it difficult for many people to talk with her. But not your mother. Jeanne told me that she'd had a friend in high school who was deaf, so she'd learned early on how to talk with folks who had communication problems. When your mother and mine started spending time together regularly, my mom's language functioning took a huge leap forward. I was so happy to think of them chatting away, heads together over jigsaw puzzles and who knows what! The memory of your patient, kind, beautiful mother will remain in my heart and mind.*

Barbara Goza Chemers - July 17, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeanne Ellen Crites.*



July 16, 2021 at 06:20 PM

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“ *Mike and Jane Crites, John and Vicki Kaiser purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Jeanne Ellen Crites.*



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**Mike and Jane Crites, John and Vicki Kaiser** - July 15, 2021 at  
09:42 PM