



## JoAnn Keller

June 15, 1927 - October 8, 2024

After a life that she described as long and happy, JoAnn Keller passed away on October 8, 2024. The daughter of Walter Smoot and Cornelia Warford, she was born in Paducah, Kentucky, on June 15, 1927. The family later moved to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where she grew up. Working in a photography studio there, she met her future husband, Quinton Keller, when he came in with his team to have a picture taken. They were married in 1948 and their daughter, Linda Quinne, was born in 1949.

When Quinton accepted a job with Lemay Bank & Trust Co. in 1952, they moved to St. Louis County and became deeply rooted in the community. After Quinton died in 1992, JoAnn continued to live in their home there and pursued her interests in genealogy and local history. She became a member of a computer group for seniors and regularly played bridge. In 2013 she decided to move to Virginia to be closer to her daughter and her family. She was living at Greenspring Village in Springfield, Virginia, when she died.

JoAnn Keller is survived by her daughter, Linda Quinne Smyth; her son-in-law, Nigel Smyth; and her grandson, Sefton Keller Smyth. She is also survived by her sister, Esta Erle Johnson; her sister-in-law, Eldora Keller; and many nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service will be held on Sunday, November 10 at Ford and Sons

Funeral Home, 1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road, Cape Girardeau.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the service at 12:00 noon. Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park.

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

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of Joann. She was a very special and sweet lady. Growing up, my family were friends with Mr. and Mrs. Keller. I just recall her being a nice, pleasant lady with a smile on her face all the time. So sorry for your loss. Debbie Steinkiste Champion

Deborah Champion - November 27, 2024 at 05:36 PM

MH

Dear Linda and Family,  
My deepest sympathy for the loss of your precious, sweet, beautiful JoAnna! I saw the article in the Oakville Call this week and immediately prayed for all of you! What a beautiful photo of JoAnna! She always was so beautiful, both inside and out! The light is Christ was evident in her long lived life! So happy that she was able to move closer to you, as she loved her family so much! It was a privilege to make her birthday cake for her special birthday in Virginia!  
It was an honor to get to know she and Mr. Keller through Lemay Bank and Trust, and as my precious Blue Owl friends! I know she and Quinton had a blessed reunion in Heaven! Please know I am keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers! You were truly blessed to call her you Mom, Grandma, Sister, Aunt.... And I am blessed to call her “my dear, sweet friend”.  
With my love, blessings, and deepest sympathy! Mary Hostetter

mary hostetter - November 30, 2024 at 01:15 PM

DP

I also saw Mrs. Keller's obituary in the Call Magazine. When we were young and had two youngsters, we bought their house in the Bayless School district. We heard thru the grapevine that they planned to move, so we bravely knocked on the door and asked if they wanted to sell their house! She didn't have any advance notice, but she was so gracious and kind. She talked to Mr. Keller later and that was the beginning of a lovely friendship, and a new home for us. We kept in touch until a few years ago. They lived a blessed life and were a blessing to to all they came came in contact with.

Debbie P. - December 02, 2024 at 06:20 PM