



Joyce Kirkland Seesing

March 14, 2012

Joyce Kirkland Seesing, 90, of Cape Girardeau, MO, died Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at The Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, MO. She was born October 13, 1921 in Waco, TX to Lewis Vernon and Sally Pearl Pennington Kirkland . She and John T. Seesing were married November 15, 1947 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waco TX. He preceded her on October 28, 2010. Joyce graduated from Waco High in 1939. She went to work as an operator for Bell Telephone into the 1940's. She met J.T. who was a young Army Air Corps flight cadet, they married and then moved to Cape Girardeau and started a family. Over the next 26 years she acted as a consultant to J.T. at Cape Central Airways. After the sale of Cape Central she and J.T. worked together at Seesing Aviation Insurance into the 1990's. In addition to the Insurance Co. she was also a partner and bookkeeper for West Park Travel and volunteered as a secretary at St. Mary Cathedral in her spare time. Joyce was a dedicated mother. She loved God, her husband and her children, grandchildren, great-granchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was a den mother and Girl Scout leader. She worked tirelessly to ensure each child was at the right function at the right time in the right clean uniform. She was the chief cook and bottle washer and instilled a true sense of duty and honor in her family She was a dedicated member of St. Mary Cathedral for 65 years. Survivors include her sons Paul "Chip" and wife Debbie, Cape Girardeau, MO, David and wife Pat , China Spring, TX, Gary and wife Margaret, Prairie Villege , KS, Mark and wife Elizabeth, Cape Girardeau, MO Daughters Jean and

husband Lester "Skip" Harris and Betty and husband Tim Roth of Cape Girardeau, MO A sister-in-law Jane Kirkland of Dallas, TX, a brother-in-law Tom Elfrink of Leopold, MO, Twelve grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews and a very dear friend of over 60 years Mrs. Ruth Evans., She was preceded in death by her husband J.T. of 62 years, her parents, a brother Cecil Kirkland who died piloting a B-24 during WW II and her dear brother Jack Kirkland. Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, March 16, 2012 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Parish Prayers will be held at 7:00 PM with the Rosary to follow. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday, March 17, 2012 at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Tom Kiefer officiating. Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau. Memorial contributions may be given to Friends of the Cape Girardeau Public Library 711 N Clark Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 St. Mary Cathedral Building on Faith Fund 615 William St .Cape Girardeau, MO 63703.

Tribute Wall

GM

“ David, My most sincere thoughts of sympathy are with you and your family. Gary Merritt

Gary Merritt - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Mark, Sorry to hear of your mother's death. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Betty Gaines Essner

Betty Essner - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Gary We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. You will be kept in our thoughts and prayers.

Tim and Brett Walter Family - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Pat, David, and all the Seesing Family, Please accept our sincere sympathy concerning the death of your Mother. A Mother's love is forever in your hearts, and never far from your thoughts. Hold those memories close to your heart. Her soul is at rest in Our Lord's loving arms now. Our Blessings to you,

Mikie and Bill Taylor - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My dear Seesing kids. Chip, Dave, HAIR, Mark, Jean and dear Betty. I spent so many wonderful days and nights babysitting you guys. I think you were entertaining me more than anything else. You and I usually ended up playing basketball, or pillow fighting up stairs. I don't think anyone got hurt. If they did we all called them sissy or woosa. Anyway, I had to cry when Tony called me and said your Mom, Joyce had passed. What a wonderful Mother she was. She was so kind and loving. All though she could be tough on you when you needed it. I can remember one time they were leaving for the weekend and she had all of us in the kitche for final instructions and she said, "when Julie tells you to jump", "you say, HOW HIGH. Really tough wasn't she. I wish I could be with you in your and my time of sorrow. Just know that Mother is in the arms of Jesus now, and then into Dads arms. God Bless you kids Julie

Julie Buehrle - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Our sincere sympathy to all of the Seesings. I know how much you will all miss her. A truly great woman.

John Hinkebein - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Seesings: Your parents were put on a pedestal by me. They were so in love and were excellent examples of how to raise a loving family. Your mom will always live on in your hearts.

Betty (Phelps) Hellige - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Betty and everyone, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. This time must be tough for you and I'm sure she misses you all but she's back home with JT watching over all you kids! Take care and my love, Carla

Carla Beussink - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Liz and Mark, So sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Wayne and Terri Winchester

Wayne and Terri Winchester - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Jean, Mark, Betty, Sorry to hear about your mother. I know what a big part of your life she was. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Karen Tucker Wall - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Dear Seesings, Loved being around your parents, though it wasn't often and was certainly along time ago. I was fortunate to see them in church once in awhile over the years. Chip and David - really enjoyed growing up with you guys. My thoughts are with you.

Bill kiehne - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ I wish your family peace and happy memories of your dear mother and grandmother.

Kim (Jones) Eggemeyer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“Wow, kind, courteous, affable. That's Joyce. Both Joyce and J.T. were always friendly, well-liked and very respectable. If only the world was full of people like them!

Dan Phelps - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“To all who love Joyce, including me, I cherish the time I got to spend with her. Countless Thanksgiving meals and other occasions when we were lucky to have Joyce and J.T. in Dallas. You are part of my "family" and I grieve with you in your loss. Love to you all, Betsy Weber Hurst & family

Betsy Weber Hurst - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

D(

“My sincere condolences to the family (and community) for your loss. We want to keep them forever but it seems it doesn't work that way. So sorry...

Donna Johnstone (Phelps) - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“Dear David and Pat, Please accept our sincere condolences at the loss of your mother. You are in our thoughts and prayers -- you're such dear people. Very sincerely, David and Barbie Christian

David and Barbie Christian - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“Please find comfort in knowing that our St. Philip Catholic Church is remembering you and your family in prayer.

St.. Philip Catholic Church - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM