



Lawanda J. Henderson

July 23, 1939 - January 23, 2026

Lawanda J. Henderson, 86, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Friday, January 23, 2026 at Mercy Hospital Southeast.

She was born July 23, 1939 in Delta, Missouri to Alvie and Lora Land Bledsoe.

She and Melvin Eddy Henderson were married at August 6, 1956 in Jackson. He preceded her in death on June 25, 2014.

She loved reading the bible, spending time with her family and going to church.

She was a member of Church of God in Cape Girardeau.

Survivors include two sons, Darren (LaDona) Henderson of Cape Girardeau and Chris (Dianna) Henderson of Bertrand, Missouri; three daughters, Vanessa Jaco of Scott City, Missouri, Twila (Ed) Koerber of Scopus, Missouri, Eddy Rains of Cape Girardeau; son-in-law, Perry Dietiker of Cape Girardeau; 12 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a daughter, Veronica L. Dietiker; and one grandchild.

Visitation will be 10:00 am 12:00 pm Thursday, January 29, 2026 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 12:00 pm Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. David McNelly officiating.

Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Thebes, Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Village of Thebes, 413 6th Street, Box 149
Thebes, IL 62990

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Sprigg St. Chapel
118 S. Sprigg St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawanda J. Henderson.*



January 27 at 07:33 PM



“ *Condolences to the family*

Walter and Cindy Miller - January 27 at 04:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lawanda J. Henderson.*



January 27 at 09:15 AM



“ *Bishop Roger and Nina centers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawanda J. Henderson.*

Bishop Roger and Nina centers - January 27 at 09:15 AM

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“ Aunt LaWanda was a very sweet person.
Even though I haven't known her that long.
I'm glad that I did have a chance to have her
in my life for the time that I did. Bella and I will
always love you and miss you. R.I.P. Auntie



SHARMAN R HENDERSON - January 26 at 09:16 PM

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“ So sorry Darren and Ladonna
She was a wonderful Christian lady always
had a smile look forward to her hugs. She will
be missed very much



Crystal Faith Baker - January 26 at 04:25 PM