



## LaWanda Elaine Werner

August 1, 1934 - December 2, 2025

LaWanda Elaine (Heise) Werner, of Jackson, Missouri died at home peacefully on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 surrounded by her family.

She was born 91 years ago on August 1, 1934 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Otto and Dona Crites Heise.

She was baptized into the Christian faith on September 20, 1934 and confirmed on March 30, 1947 at Hanover Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau.

LaWanda attended her first seven years of school at Hanover Lutheran School, the little red brick school house, still standing beside the now Historical Hanover Lutheran Church on Perryville Road in Cape Girardeau. In the summer of 1947, LaWanda moved to Jackson when her father accepted the management of Kimbeland Farms. LaWanda attended her eighth grade at St. Paul Lutheran School in Jackson and graduated from Jackson High School in 1952.

She and Vernon Louis Werner were married September 14, 1952 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Jackson, Missouri, where they both remained members. He preceded her in death on August 31, 2021.

LaWanda is survived by two sons, Randy Vernon (Terry) Werner and Mark

Louis Werner both of Jackson, Missouri; a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Werner Janet of Kansas City, Missouri; grandchildren, Whitney (Adam) Embick and Tanner Randolph (Robyn) Werner both of Columbia, Illinois, Jordan (Megan) Janet of Cape Girardeau, Kylie (Carrie) Robert and Clay Louis Werner both of Jackson, Missouri, Taylor (Andrew) LaFoe and Dakota (Ryan) Janasik both of Saint Louis, Missouri, Ali Janet of Kansas City, Missouri; great-grandchildren, Mason and Nolan Embick, Wyndham and Scottie Werner, Libby, Hattie and Ramsey Janet, Finley Robert, James LaFoe and two on the way; a brother, Melvin (Janice) Heise of Millersville, Missouri; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Visitation will be 9:30 am to 11:30 am Monday, December 8, 2025 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Jackson, Missouri.

Funeral service will follow at 11:30 am at the church with the Rev. Joshua Schmidt officiating.

Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church of Jackson, St. Paul Lutheran School (preschool) or a charity of your choice.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
223 W. Adams  
Jackson, MO 63755

## Funeral Service

DEC 8. 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PS

“ Randy and family so sorry about your Mom. We met each other Freshman year in High School and remained friends until she passed . Haven't seen her since our 70th high school reunion. We stayed in touch, I will miss her. Pat Stevens(Patsy Jo Smith).

Pat Stevens (Patsy Jo Smith) - December 20, 2025 at 08:00 PM

KC

“ My mother, Erma Call, was a lifelong friend of Lawanda. I came to know her in her later years and considered myself a friend as well. She was always encouraging to us as my mother suffered through various illnesses in recent years. I will remember her as a good friend to us both and a very giving person to all around her, especially her beautiful family. She will be sorely missed by us all. May she rest in peace. Lovingly, Erma and Kim (Call) Potts

Kim Potts and Erma Call - December 07, 2025 at 11:18 AM

SF

“ I was so sorry to read the news of the passing of Mrs. Werner and I will be keeping you all in my prayers. I was glad I saw her several years ago along with Vernon. She was such a class act and treated us wild kids like her own playing pool in the Werner basement on weekends in HS. My 1st time flying was with Vernon Werner. She will be missed in Jackson and by her family for sure. She is now reunited with her love again.

Steven Friga - December 06, 2025 at 03:58 PM

DR

She was the definition of classy. She taught me life lessons, just by being in her presence that made me a better person. Always positive, always supportive. Fly high dear LaWanda, Love to you

Doug Rees - December 07, 2025 at 11:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of LaWanda Elaine Werner.*



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December 06, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ *Stacy, Stacey, Lauren, Jaime, and Jenna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LaWanda Elaine Werner.*

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**Stacy, Stacey, Lauren, Jaime, and Jenna** - December 06, 2025 at 10:31 AM