



## LaWanna Louise Eifert

May 14, 1930 - October 6, 2016

LaWanna Louise Eifert, 86, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Thursday, October 6, 2016 at St. Francis Medical Center.

She was born May 14, 1930 in Cape Girardeau, MO to Charles J. and Thelma Henson Bertrand Sr. She graduated from Illmo-Fornfelt High School.

She and Robert F. Steck were married in 1949 in Cape Girardeau, he died in 1966. She later married A. R. Eifert in July of 1969 in Anahuac, TX.

LaWanna had worked in the cafeteria at Notre Dame Regional High School.

She was a member of St. Mary Cathedral.

LaWanna was a lady that loved her family deeply. She was the caretaker, pie maker and guidance counselor of her family. In summary, she would give her last shirt off of her back if you needed it. Look up and I'm sure you will feel her beautiful smile and warmth that she gave so often. LaWanna will truly be missed dearly. Her legacy will live on through her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include Survivors:

Son - Robert Charles (Judy) Steck of Jackson, MO. Daughters - Ann Marie

(Kyle) Hahn of Marble Hill, MO. Katrina Louise (Wayne) Calhoun of Altenburg, MO. Cindy (Joel) Neely of Oak Ridge, MO. LaWanna (Tom) Heise of Altenburg, MO. Brother - Charles J. (Lisa) Bertrand of Cape Girardeau, MO. Sister - Patricia Gross, Cape Girardeau, MO. Sister - Charlene Vandeven, Cape Girardeau, MO. Grandchildren - Ashley, Ryan and Shane (Megan) Steck, Joshua, David and Kyla Hahn, Corey and Jessica Calhoun ,Rebecca Rollet, Alex Neely, Tressa Bauman and Erin Crader Great Grandchildren - Brydan, Ryanna and Chrislyn Steck, Bradyn Hahn and Merci Ann Cox, Deacon and Grayson Calhoun ,Ruby Mae Rollet, Wyatt and Levi Crader, Elyse and McKenna Bauman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and son - David Edward Steck.

Visitation will be from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with parish prayers at 7:00 PM.

Funeral service will be Monday, October 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with the Rev. Joe Kelly officiating.

Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Notre Dame Regional High School, 265 Notre Dame Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (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/>

## Parish Prayers

OCT 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

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

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My dear, sweet Aunt Lawanna. She always reminded me of Melanie in Gone with the Wind - always kind and never had anything bad to say about anyone. No matter what story i told her - funny, sad, outrageous, bad - she would always look at me intensely and say 'Why, Jaaaannnnn.' She truly cared about what you were saying, regardless of the subject. During my visits back home each year after moving away, I always visited Lawanna. She would give me such a big hug and we'd laugh at everything. If I was at her house, we would always look at cousin David's pictures and reminisce about his life.*

*Goodbye, Aint Wanna - you will finally be with the loves of your life - Uncle Bob and "Day-Day". Say hi to my dad too! He loved you like a sister.*

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**Jan Vandeven Harrall** - October 10, 2016 at 03:18 PM

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“ *Tom and Lisa Thrower purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of LaWanna Louise Eifert.*



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**Tom and Lisa Thrower** - October 10, 2016 at 10:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LaWanna Louise Eifert.*



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October 09, 2016 at 12:47 AM

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“ Love. That's the memory I will always have of my precious grandma. She loved. Is love hard? It can be. God would not have had to command us to love one another if it was always easy. Grandma wasn't perfect. She would be the first to tell you. BUT she mastered love. Even when you were being unlovable, she loved you and forgave you anyway. Her love was unconditional. I know this from personal experience because there have been times, even recent, that I felt I didn't deserve her love. BUT the only crime you could commit in grandmas eyes was to not love. If you were being unloving and judgmental instead of being loving and forgiving; she didn't want to be around you. Because she was all about love. That's the memory I will hold. That's the lesson and legacy she will leave with me. Is there any better?



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**Shane Steck** - October 08, 2016 at 05:14 PM

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“ I Knew LaWanna mainly from the VFW. She was so sweet ,kind and friendly. I will miss her beautiful smile and sense of humor.  
God bless her and family  
Sue and Bill Gerecke

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**Bill and Sue Gerecke** - October 08, 2016 at 02:36 PM