



## Lorene Welch

March 14, 1924 - December 22, 2023

Lorene Welch, 99, went to be with her Heavenly Father from her daughter's house in St. Louis, Missouri, on Friday, December 22, 2023.

Lorene Welch was known for her beautiful smile and her pleasant loving personality. She had many friends and was only 3 months away from her 100th birthday.

She was born on March 14, 1924, to Ida and Edwin Hoffman in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She graduated from Cape High School in 1941 and attended Business College. After graduating from the college, she went to work as a secretary and married Eugene Welch in 1946. Together they had a daughter, Brenda, in May 1947.

Surviving Lorene are her daughter, Brenda, two grandsons: Jason Wagstaff (Melody) and Steve Wagstaff, two great-grandchildren: Sebastian and Scarlett Wagstaff, and a sister, Shirley Drury (Ray), plus many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were parents, Ida and Edwin Hoffman, her husband Eugene Welch, her sister, Hilda Harrington, and her son-in-law, Dennis Wagstaff.

After her husband's death, she returned to Cape and went to work at Colonial Federal Savings and Loan. She ended her long working career as an office manager for Edward Jones under Bob Etherton and Debbie Etherton.

Lorene remained a member of Grace United Methodist Church throughout most of her life. She enjoyed being a member of the Church Choir for over 25 years and was an active member of the United Methodist Women.

Visitation will be 4:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2023 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home on Mount Auburn.

The Funeral Service will take place at 11:00 am Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at the funeral home with Pastor Linda Gastreich officiating.

Internment will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Grace United Methodist Church are appreciated.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 2.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

**JAN 3.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

DE

“ Lorene was a delight. I knew her when she worked at Colonial Federal. My prayers are with you and your family.

Donna Essner - January 08, 2024 at 11:27 AM

JH

“ As her nephew, I was privileged to grow up around her and have such a wonderful role model of love and grace and dignity and responsibility. So she has blessed me my entire life-not that I ever attained to that standard but I knew what to strive for. I will certainly miss her.

Johnny Harrington

John Harrington - December 31, 2023 at 11:25 AM

JO

“ Many fun cruises we're enjoyed by Lorene and mom (Margaret). We loved taking her along. My deepest condolences to the family.  
JoAnnFelcyn

JoAnnFelcyn - December 29, 2023 at 10:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lorene Welch.



December 29, 2023 at 07:27 PM

SO

“ I am so sorry to hear of Lorene's passing. What a wonderful lady she was. I worked with her at Colonial Federal and knew her for many years. My thoughts and prayers to out to her family during this very difficult time.



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**Susie O'Connell** - December 28, 2023 at 11:21 AM

BV

Lorene was one of the sweetest and nicest ladies I've ever known. My wife Susan and I both worked with her at Colonial Federal Savings and Loan for many years and always enjoyed her smile and kindness. We were just talking about her the other day when we drove by her house and reminisced what a nice lady she was. Thoughts go out to her family for their loss.

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**Bill Vickery** - December 28, 2023 at 11:42 AM