



## Loretta Ann Schneider

November 9, 1936 - January 4, 2018

Loretta Ann Schneider, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, died Thursday, January 4, 2017 at the age of 81. She died as a result of complications from heart surgery after a long and courageous struggle.

Loretta's survivors include one daughter, Ann Elizabeth (Stephen) Hamilton; three sons, Joseph Michael (Laurie) Schneider, John Arthur (Susan) Schneider, LTC (Retired) James Christopher (Col. Beverly) Schneider; two sisters, Margaret Mary Kruse and Aurelia Fuerth; one brother, Michael Fuerth; and nine grandchildren, Samuel Joseph Schneider, George Kenneth Hamilton, Victoria Anderson Schneider, Samuel Fuerth Schneider, Julia Calhoun Schneider, Christopher James Schneider, Marissa Sue Schneider, August Cooley Schneider and Zoe Grace Schneider.

Loretta was preceded in death by her husband, John Edward Schneider; her parents, Dr. Arthur Lawrence Fuerth and Corona Ann Fuerth, and two brothers.

Loretta loved the city of Cape Girardeau and devoted her adult life to service to the city and her Church. Her goals were good government and good quality of life for the citizens of Cape Girardeau. Her loves were faith, family and community. Loretta was the first woman to serve on the City Council, serving for 16 years as a Council Member and for two years as Mayor Pro-Tem. She

served on the Keep America Beautiful campaign, Keep Cape Beautiful Beautification Committee, Park Development Foundation, Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Council Ex-Officio, Cape Girardeau Partnership for Higher Education, Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee, Public Facilities Authority Board, City Manager Search Committee, Bicentennial Committee, Solid Waste Task Force and Vision 2000 and Vision 2020 Committees. Loretta was active in the Historical Association of Greater Cape Girardeau, Southeast Missouri Council on the Arts, Friends of St. Francis, State of Missouri Silver-Haired Legislature, Senior Tax Board and as a Cape County Election Judge. Loretta was involved in the Cape Chamber of Commerce for over 30 years, Friends of Public Library, River Heritage Museum Assn, Cape County Senior Tax Board, and Citizens Emergency Response Team.

Loretta earned her BS in Education from Southeast Missouri State University in 1972, her Master of Arts in Education from Southeast in 1976, and her Doctor of Philosophy (Education) from SIU Carbondale in 1992.

Loretta, and her late husband, John, were devoted members of the Old St. Vincent's community and Loretta was a member of the church council. Loretta and John were active members of the Restoration Committee of Historic Old St. Vincent's Church and were very proud of their work to restore, beautify and preserve this Cape Girardeau landmark.

Loretta was a courageous Conservative and avid Cardinals Fan.

Friends may call 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday December 12, at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau, MO.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 am on Saturday December 13, at Old St. Vincent's Church in Cape Girardeau, MO with the Father Alan Saunders officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be given in Loretta's honor to the John and Loretta Schneider Memorial Youth Sports Scholarship Fund at the Cape Parks and Recreation Foundation, 410 Kiwanis Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

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

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **12.** 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  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

JAN **13.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Old St Vincent's Church  
119 S Spanish St  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703-7438  
(573) 651-3433

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *May the precious memories of my cherished friend be a blessing to her family, friends, her community, and her nation. Rest in glorious eternity, Dr. Lorretta Schneider...*

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**Connie Bedell** - January 13, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Loretta Ann Schneider.*



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January 12, 2018 at 10:19 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta Ann Schneider.*



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January 11, 2018 at 12:24 PM

DB

“ *So sorry to hear about your mom. Loretta was my boss at Southeast Missouri State University. Many good memories.*

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**Diane Bright** - January 10, 2018 at 07:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta Ann Schneider.*



January 10, 2018 at 02:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Loretta Ann Schneider.*



January 10, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *Loretta was a beautiful person. She was courageous, intelligent with a heart for not only youth, but all the residents of Cape. It was a pleasure to serve with her on the Senior Fund Board. She brought great insight "to the table." She will be greatly missed. My prayers and thoughts to the family, in the times ahead. Thank you for sharing her with us. God bless. Deepest sympathy, Carolyn Swartos*

**Carolyn Swartos** - January 10, 2018 at 01:52 AM



“ *Blessings and Sympathy to the family of Loretta. She was a fine lady I was proud to have known.*  
*Donna Essner*



**Donna Essner** - January 09, 2018 at 10:35 PM

MB

“ I'll miss seeing her when I come home!! I'd always sit next to her at St. Vincent's!! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!! 🙏

Mary S. Barnes - January 09, 2018 at 05:39 PM

RF

“ Loretta and I were long time conversationalists and I can remember having good talking sessions with her all back to my college days. Having houses near each other at Kentucky Lake our paths crossed often and when they did we each shared what we knew. I would say with humor that probably her husband and my wife were not near as interested as we were. Sharing all things of some importance to Southeast Missouri, Kentucky lake and the future of mankind. She was a great soul and a true Cape Townie.

Richard Flentge

Richard Flentge - January 08, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ So sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Sally Berglund

Sally Berglund - January 08, 2018 at 07:44 PM

SS

“ Loretta was a great person who was liked and respected by all people she had contact with in her daily endeavors. I worked with Loretta at Southeast Missouri State University for many years. In addition, we shared experiences on Vision 2020 and often communicated when she was serving on the Cape Girardeau City council. Loretta was a true friend, mentor, and colleague. We send heartfelt condolences and sympathy to her family.

Stanley Stough - January 08, 2018 at 05:54 AM

PL

“ *Loretta was a one of a kind lady she always said what she meant and meant what she said. Cape Girardeau and the world lost a great lady. This city should pay a tribute to her memory I will never forget her.*



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**Pat LaFont** - January 07, 2018 at 09:07 AM