



Lucille "Lu" Mae Phillips

February 22, 1936 - April 3, 2025

Lucille "Lu" Mae Phillips, 89, of Cape Girardeau died Thursday, April 3, 2025 at Saint Francis Medical Center.

She was born February 22, 1936 in Rock, Michigan to Walter "Wally" Ekquist and Taimi "Tye" Tulla Sperry.

She moved to Zion, Illinois where she met her spouse Robert "Bob" Ray Phillips who was a naval officer and was stationed at Bermuda, and later settled in Cape Girardeau. He passed away in 1986.

Lucille worked at J.C. Penney where she was known as "The Shoe Lady."

She loved to cook, drink coffee, be outside and sit on the patio with a glass of wine, read books, walk for miles in her younger days, and go for rides on the weekend. She also enjoyed gardening, especially flower gardening. She also loved to dance and loved music and loved being with family. She was a giving person.

Lucille was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and was known by her grandchildren as "Momo." She is survived by two sons, Roy Phillips of Cape Girardeau and Allen Phillips of St. Louis; sister, Betty Inez Sperry Scheuchl of Florida; grandchildren, Roy's children, Rachel and Douglas Phillips and

Tammy's children, Heather and Kimberly Phillips, Ashley, Kelsey, Derek, and Dustin Phillips-Franklin; several great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walter "Wally" Ekquist, mother and stepfather, Tye and Edgar Sperry; husband, Robert "Bob" Ray Phillips; daughter, Tammy D. Phillips; brother, Ronald Ekquist; half-sister, Norma Sperry Brodale; and grandchild, Shawn Phillips.

Friends may call from noon to 1 pm on Friday, April 11, 2025 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 1 pm Friday, April 11, 2025 at the funeral home with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Cancer Society.

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

APR 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

APR 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Sis I'm so grateful we got closer before time continued to march on. I'll never forget the chats of your younger days living in Bermuda with Bob while he was in the Navy. That was a special time for you, a little Finnish girl who grew up and met the love of her life. So many things I wanted to ask you once we got to know each other in the last years of your life, to understand, to ask why, but it didn't get to happen. Know that I had forgiven you and always hoped you'd be well and safe. Love you and I will miss your laugh. Betty*

Betty Scheuchl - April 15, 2025 at 11:52 AM