



Lucy Leone Proffer

May 11, 1920 - May 16, 2018

L. Leone Roper Proffer, 98, went to her heavenly home May 16, 2018, at Chateau Girardeau in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Leone began her earthly journey on the Plains of Regan, North Dakota, on May 11, 1920, daughter of John Jackson and Vivien Lambert Lovell. After moving to West Plains, Missouri, during her high school years, Leone graduated at age 16. She met and married LaRoy R. Roper in 1940 and they moved to Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Together they owned United Service Stations and United Oil Company. She was very active in the accounting part of the business. Both she and LaRoy obtained their Private Pilot's licenses and flew their plane back and forth to West Plains, Missouri, landing on a cleared field on her parents' farm. They traveled extensively and enjoyed a second home in Englewood, Florida, along with several other Cape Girardeau families. She loved gardening, fishing and caring for animals both tame and injured wild. She supported LaRoy's many volunteer associations such as the Southeast Missouri District Fair Board and Saint Francis Hospital. He passed away in 1978.

In 1986 Leone married Paul Lasater and they enjoyed 10 happy years playing golf and traveling. He passed away in 1986.

Leone was married to Bob Proffer for 20 plus years, and they enjoyed family,

playing cards, flower and vegetable gardening, their dogs, and traveling extensively. They both commented often, "Life has been so good," and were thankful. She was also a member of the Nancy Hunter Chapter of DAR. They are members of LaCroix United Methodist Church.

Survived by her husband Bob Proffer; daughter, Judith Roper Wilferth (Fred Rockne); son, LaRoy "Mickey" R. Roper, Jr. (Susan Campbell); grandchildren, Reagan Roper McNeil (Roger), Jill Wilferth Smirl and fiancé`, Thomas Trotter, CAPT, USN, Ret., Shannon Roper Howard (Michael Howard, LT COL, USAF), James "Jimmy" Roper Wilferth (Chrisy Crain), Dr. Joseph Miller Wilferth (Anna Welton), Rachel Roper Maynard (Jim), and LaRoy R. Roper III (Christiane); eighteen great grandchildren, Jackson (Kendall), Emma and Mac McNeil, Henry, Ivy and George Smirl, Walker Leigh Chrisman (Mack) and Michael Howard, James Crain and Anne Meredith Wilferth, Turner Rockne and Jude Miller Wilferth, Grace, Josh, Caleb and Ellie Roper, and Lucy and Molly Maynard.

Other family members include, sister-in-law, Ruth Roper Shell and many nieces and nephews. Extended family members include her husband Bob's family; Mark and Marilyn Proffer, Sue Proffer Hotz and Mitch Proffer; grandchildren, Chad (Courtney) Luke and Molly Proffer, Taylor Hotz Brown (Russ), Zack Hotz; three great-grandchildren, Linda Lasater Edwards and Nancy Kelley and Clyde Glastetter.

Leone was preceded in death by her first husband, LaRoy R. Roper, Sr.; second husband, Paul Lasater; first grandchild, John Rockne Wilferth.

Private burial will be held at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will appreciate memorials being made to a church or charity of your choice. The family is very grateful to the Chateau Girardeau staff and the

Saint Francis Hospice Care for their excellent and compassionate care.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bob, Micky and Sue. I am sorry for your loss of sweet Leone. It was a treasure to get to know her and to see you all every day. I will miss you all. Thoughts of you are in my heart and prayers. Much love.*

Sue Rees - May 20, 2018 at 06:37 PM

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“ *Mick, Sue, Judy and Rocky, please know John and I will keep you all in our prayers. As you know your mom and dad were very special to me. Our friendship went back over almost 60 years. Wonderful memories*

Doris Hilpert - May 20, 2018 at 12:50 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Happy Couple*



Shannon - May 19, 2018 at 01:32 AM