



## Marie Agnes James

May 13, 1933 - December 17, 2021

Marie Agnes James, 88, of Cape Girardeau passed away December 17, 2021.

She was born May 13, 1933, in Cape Girardeau, daughter of Joseph A. and Mary F. Heuring Kirchdoerfer.

She and Robert Russell James were married April 19, 1955, at St. Mary Cathedral. They were married 55 years when Robert passed away on October 18, 2010.

Marie was a full-time mother to her 10 children. She was a member of St. Mary Cathedral and the ladies CCW. Marie graduated from St. Mary High School and was the Class of 1950 valedictorian. She received the 2013 Distinguished Graduate Award of St. Mary Cathedral School. She was a member and leader of Campster 4-H Club, The SEMO District Fair Association, where she also worked in the fair office and exhibited many years. She was a lifetime member VFW Post 3838 Ladies Auxiliary. She was a private sitter for 20 years, worked at Sunny Hill Garden Center for 10 years, and a volunteer election poll judge many years.

Loving survivors include her children, Ruth (David) Sawyer of Yantis, Texas, Elizabeth (Dennis) Aufdenberg of Burfordville, Robert (Donna) James Jr. of

Cape Girardeau, Dennis (Karen) James of Leopold, Paul (Sherry) James of Cape Girardeau, Anita (Mark) Essner of Kelso, Ralph (Monica) James of Jackson, Angela Poindexter of St. Charles, Sara (Jeff) Heuer of Cape Girardeau, and Mark (Julie) James of Jackson. Also, a sister, Adella (the late Alvin) Frank of Chaffee and a brother, Joe (Mildred) Kirchdoerfer of Cape Girardeau. She was blessed with 25 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. She gave each new family member a number as the James Gang grew!

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; a brother, Anton Kirchdoerfer; a sister, Stella (Fred) Ostendorf; and two grandchildren, Elliot and Katrina James.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau, with parish prayers at 3:30 pm.

Funeral Mass will be 10:00 am Thursday, December 23, 2021 at St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Allan Saunders officiating.

Interment will be in St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

The family suggests that contributions be made to St. Mary Cathedral Education Foundation.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

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

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Parish Prayers

DEC **22**. 3:30 PM - 4:00 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/>

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## Funeral Mass

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral  
615 William St.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ We had the good fortune to see Ms. James on the county meal route for the Cape Girardeau Senior Center. Such a pleasant encounter each day when she greeted us with kind words & encouragement. It will be missed by the volunteers. May God comfort you with this loss.

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**Marlene Cloude** - December 26, 2021 at 09:41 AM

CE

“ Ruth and family...so sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
My deepest sympathy  
Carol Pearson Eftink

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**Carol Pearson Eftink** - December 23, 2021 at 12:31 AM

KT

“ Was thinking of all the fun times our families shared with Cape Central basketball and remembered how close and supportive your family was. Hope that same support helps you now, through these tough times. May your Mom's strong faith and love that she shared with you give you peace.

*Kim Hager Train*

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**Kim Hager Train** - December 22, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marie Agnes James.*



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December 22, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marie Agnes James.*



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December 22, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Marie Agnes James.*



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December 22, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marie Agnes James.*



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December 21, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Marie Agnes James.*



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December 21, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marie Agnes James.*



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December 21, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marie Agnes James.*



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“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marie Agnes James.*



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December 20, 2021 at 04:30 PM

YK

“ *Your Airtron Family, Jeff, Don, & Kathie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marie Agnes James.*



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**Your Airtron Family, Jeff, Don, & Kathie** - December 20, 2021  
at 03:23 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Marie Agnes James.*



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December 20, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marie Agnes James.*



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December 20, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marie Agnes James.*



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December 20, 2021 at 10:13 AM

LF

“ *Lori Gettys and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marie Agnes James.*



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**Lori Gettys and family** - December 19, 2021 at 06:22 PM

GR

“ *Your Mother was the kindest person I knew.  
Every year she would call Peck for his birthday.  
Peck's birthday was in March, Rosemary in April,  
your Mom in May. They all called each other, and  
they all three died with in Thirteen Months.  
Sorry for your Loss.  
Love,  
Germaine Robert*

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**germaine Robert** - December 19, 2021 at 05:55 PM