



## Marilyn Duffey

May 24, 1941 - January 17, 2021

Marilyn Sue (Graham) Duffey, 79, of Cape Girardeau passed away peacefully January 17, 2021 at St Francis Medical Center. Marilyn was born May 24, 1941 in Sikeston, MO to Charles and Geraldine Graham.

She graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1959. She and Ray Duffey were united in marriage on April 6, 1958 in Bloomfield, MO and spent 62 years rarely leaving each other's side until Ray's death on December 8, 2020. Marilyn enjoyed a successful career as a real estate agent in the Cape area for over 30 years, winning numerous awards for her sales volume. Her sales career culminated with Realty Executives in Cape until her retirement in 2005, so she and Ray could travel and spend time with their grandchildren.

She is survived by a son, Timothy Charles Duffey of Cape, and a daughter, Lesa Rene Gilliland of Cape. She also leaves 5 grandchildren, Alissa Young of Jackson, Brady, Crissy, Blake, and Beau Gilliland, all of Cape, and one great-grandson, Levi James Young of Jackson. Marilyn is also survived by a sister, Brenda Graham Johnson of Valrico, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the nurses, physicians, and staff at St. Francis Medical Center for the extraordinary care provided to Marilyn during her brief illness.

Visitation will be 10:00 AM on January 22, 2021 at the Ford and Son's Funeral Home on Mt. Auburn Rd. with funeral services to follow at 11:00 AM at the Mt. Auburn Chapel with Bryan McAlister officiating. Interment will be at Walker

Cemetery in Bloomfield.

# Cemetery Details

## Walker Cemetery - Bloomfield

Bloomfield, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DK

“ So sorry for your loss. Marilyn was a wonderful neighbor. May your memories comfort you.

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**Donna and Bob Komorech** - January 21, 2021 at 11:33 PM

JE

“ I had the privilege of first getting to know Marilyn when I worked in the real estate department at Boatmens Bank. She was such a classy lady and was always the consummate professional in all of her real estate transactions. It was truly a pleasure for me to work with her throughout my banking career.  
She touched the lives of many people with her kindness and I know she will be missed by all who knew and loved her.  
Sending my sincere sympathy to all of her family,  
Janet Esicar

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**Janet Esicar** - January 21, 2021 at 11:14 AM

DH

Marilyn and Ray were two of the nicest most gracious people I have ever met. They will be dearly missed. Darlene Hartlein

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**Darlene Hartlein** - January 26, 2021 at 11:59 AM

WF

“ We are family!!! purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Marilyn Duffey.



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**We are family!!!** - January 21, 2021 at 11:10 AM

MS

“ I was fortunate to meet Marilyn through my parents. My dad attended high school with Ray. They truly were a wonderful couple. My husband and I worked with Marilyn when we purchased both of our houses in the Cape area. Marilyn was a steady and reassuring source to two nervous first time buyers. She made the process so much easier due to the fact that we knew she was looking out for our best interest throughout the process. She was a smart and classy lady who will be greatly missed. Take comfort in knowing that your mother/grandmother had a positive impact on many lives. I'm deeply sorry for your loss and your family will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Mona Sanford** - January 20, 2021 at 07:53 PM

TT

“ Marilyn was a great friend and I will miss her. She insisted I sit beside her after my Jim's passing. She did not want me to sit alone. Such a thoughtful thing for her to do. We enjoyed a couple trips to Branson with Marcia & Gary, which means fun and laughs together. Great memories, All wonderful and loving friends. With Love and Sympathy, Tula Taylor

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**Tula Taylor** - January 19, 2021 at 06:45 PM