



Mary A. Bethards

July 14, 2012

Mary A. Bethards, 88, of Cape Girardeau died Saturday, July 14, 2012, at the Lutheran Home. She was born June 6, 1924, in Alton, Ill., to Walter L. and Julia A. Schmidt Smith. Mary and Leo Bethards were married Sept. 26, 1942, at Old Monroe, Mo. He died June 18, 2005. Mary was an accomplished artist. She was a concert pianist and piano teacher for 25 years. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday July 17, 2012 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Chapel. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday July 17, 2012 at the chapel, with the Rev. Karl Leeman officiating. Burial will be at Woodland Hills Cemetery in Esat Altonr, Ill. Memorial contributions may be given to the Lutheran Home, 2825 Bloomfield Road, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703.