



## Mary Catherine "Cathy" Bishop

January 10, 1948 - February 4, 2022

Mary Catherine Bishop, age 74, of Cape Girardeau passed away Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, at Southeast Hospital after a brief illness and a brave, 9-year battle with Parkinson's disease.

Cathy, as most people knew her, was born January 10, 1948, in Jefferson City, Missouri to Wiley Hinkle and Catherine Eva "Puddy" Schmuke Statler.

She and William Glenn "Bill" Bishop were married March 17, 1979, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau.

Precious mother to Beth (Ryan) McClure of St. Louis, Missouri and T.J. (Kaci) Bishop of Cape Girardeau and dear Gran to Harrison and Eva Jean McClure and Eleanor and Emery Bishop. Cherished sister to Nancy Stone and Martha (Don) Thompson, all of St. Louis, and sister-in-law to Bob (Donna) Bishop of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, and Cinda (Greg) Parker of Orlando, Florida. Beloved aunt to many nephews and nieces and great-nephews and great-nieces and a friend to many.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Jean Ann Statler.

After moving to Cape Girardeau, Cathy attended St. Mary Cathedral School and Notre Dame High School. Then, she attended Southeast Missouri State

University, where she was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education.

Cathy taught kindergarten and second grade for more than 40 years. She began her career at Morehouse Elementary in Sikeston, Missouri. In Cape Girardeau, she taught briefly at Clippard and Franklin Elementary, but spent the majority of her time at Alma Schrader Elementary, where she taught hundreds of students.

One of them summed up her career best when he wrote, "I would like you to know...you are the best, kindest, most caring, and truly inspiring teacher I have ever had. Values you instilled in me in second grade were a part of me acquiring a degree in education. You are amazing."

Personally, Cathy excelled at creating a cozy home, always thoughtfully decorated for every holiday and season, for her family and friends. She was her family's biggest cheerleader, sitting front and center at every play and sporting event in which her children participated. In later years, she became "Gran" with ease and enthusiasm, even taking on weekly babysitting duties for each of her grandchildren to help their working parents.

Her generous and sincerely kind spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

Visitation will be from 12 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn in Cape Girardeau. Parish prayers will be held at 3 p.m.

The Rev. Rick Jones will preside over the Funeral Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Monday at 10 a.m.

Entombment will immediately follow at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Parkinson's Foundation.

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

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **13**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

FEB **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
1919 Ritter Dr.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

EH

“ So sorry to hear about this. Mrs. Bishop was a wonderful teacher.  
Rest in Peace and Power. Philippians 1:21

Elizabeth Hooker - February 14, 2022 at 04:11 PM

AD

“ Aaron, Maeve, and John Dohogne purchased the  
Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of  
Mary Catherine "Cathy" Bishop.



Aaron, Maeve, and John Dohogne - February 12, 2022 at  
01:50 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Mary Catherine "Cathy" Bishop.



February 12, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Mary Catherine "Cathy" Bishop.



February 11, 2022 at 06:34 PM

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“ Dear Beth, I remember your mother so fondly. She was a cherished face you could count on to be at every function that you (and Tia) participated in. We're so very sorry for your loss and know she'll be the best guardian angel of all watching over your family and especially looking out for her beloved grandchildren. Our sincere sympathy. Roy and Sande Meyer ... and Mark and Tia Meyer Rademaker.

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**Sande Meyer** - February 11, 2022 at 09:59 AM

PS

*Beautifully said, Sande.*

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**Pat Schlosser** - February 17, 2022 at 09:49 PM

JH

“ *"Cathy had a super personality ,she will be sorely missed."*

*John Hodges*

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**John Hodges** - February 11, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine "Cathy" Bishop.*



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February 10, 2022 at 10:05 PM

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“ *What a great lady! I knew her since high school. I was privileged to stand up in Billy and her wedding. I stayed at their home many times and always enjoyed their company for years. She will be missed by many. Heaven got a good one...Aloha until we meet again.*

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**Terry Hopkins** - February 10, 2022 at 09:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine "Cathy" Bishop.*



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February 10, 2022 at 09:39 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine "Cathy" Bishop.*



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February 10, 2022 at 05:38 PM