



Mary Damitz

October 5, 1912 - December 6, 2018

Mary O. Damitz, 106, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Thursday, December 6, 2018 at Chateau Girardeau Health Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born October 5, 1912 in Corning, Arkansas to John Curtis and Maude Oliver Black.

She and Kenneth Damitz were married November 1, 1936 at Mt. Vernon, IL. In 1986 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

She received a bachelor of science degree from University of Illinois.

She taught in Cape Girardeau Junior High and High Schools, retiring in 1976. She enjoyed traveling after retirement. Mary O. excelled in various kinds of needlework and was an avid reader.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Survivors include her two daughters, Mary Katherine Damitz (John Dulkyns) of Wheaton, Illinois and Virginia (Dwayne) Brees of Brookfield, Vermont; five grandchildren, William Kennard, Charles (Susie) Kennard, Andrew (Debra) Kennard, Jennifer (James) Brown and Curtis (Hollie) Brees; nine great-grandchildren, Sarah, Allyson, Olivia, Griffin, Grace, Evan, Ava, Ella and

Aidan; and five great-great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Seth, Sage, Kinsley and Skye. She is also survived by her longtime caregiver and friend, Edna Carter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and three sisters, Barbara, Judy and Joanna.

A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, May 25 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with a memorial service beginning at 2:00pm with Dr. Bruce Gentry officiating.

Burial took place at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau last December.

Memorial contributions may be given to First Baptist Church

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1909
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 25. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAY 25. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RW

“ Mrs Damitz had the study hall during my high school years (1969-1971). Mrs. Damitz 's study halls were quiet! My mother and I saw her many years later during my teaching years. We had a nice visit. Her face during study hall was very serious and stern. During our visit, she was smiling and had a warm expression. I will treasure this memory. Rejoice in the many, many memories you have. What a legacy Mrs. Damitz has left. May your faith comfort you. Rita Heimbaugh Weber Perryville MO

Rita Heimbaugh Weber - December 11, 2018 at 06:49 PM

JM

“ Mrs. Damitz was a great friend. I give her credit for making me a better teacher. She was supportive beyond measure. Without her help, 7th hr. study hall would have been my demise. I loved and respected her greatly. We so enjoyed getting to film her 100th birthday celebration. She was really one of a kind and will be missed by many. Such a sharp mind and spirit was inspirational to anyone that knew her. When she spoke, you better pay attention because she meant what she said. I will miss you, Mrs. Damitz--I could never call her Mary-O as so many friends did, I just had too much respect for you.

Please accept my sympathy, Ginny and Mary K. I certainly will miss your mother too.

Joan McPherson

Joan McPherson - December 10, 2018 at 09:43 PM

SS

“ Dear Ginny,

*Such a lovely woman who led a wonderfully long and productive life. You have much to celebrate with regard to your dear mother. I have thought of you many times. I know you have made lots of trips home to spend time near your mother. Those visits were very special and your focus needed to be on her. You might not remember, but my sister, Luise Scarlett, was your next door neighbor on Themis St., during our high school years. Luise had three very young children at that time. She and her family later moved to San Diego where they remained permanently. Over recent years I would tell Luise about your mother. I would say, "Mrs. Damitz had another birthday". Sadly, my sister passed last January. I live in the Sunset area and often walk the neighborhood. I sometimes walk that block of Themis and think of your family and my sister. We all have wonderful memories and are blessed. I send condolences to you and your family. It was a life well lived! I hope we have a visit one day. Love and Hugs
Susan Montgomery Smith*

SUSAN MONTGOMERY SMITH - December 09, 2018 at 06:22 PM

RF

“ I JUST HAPPENED TO SEE THIS ON THE INTERNET.

*I have known Mary O for many years I have given her manicures for a long time back when she used to go swimming and then came into the shop for a manicure. I was also .at the chateau for therapy and I sat by her for our meals 3 times a day. we had some good visits. She was a wonderful lady. She lived a good long life.
Sincerely Rosalia Friga*

Rosalia Friga - December 09, 2018 at 03:48 PM



“ *I have so many memories of Mrs. Damitz. She was a fine lady, and was respected and loved by many.* ”



Susie Pickett O'Connell - December 08, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Damitz.* ”



December 07, 2018 at 10:38 PM