



## Mary Sue Flentge-Capshaw

May 2, 1934 - July 10, 2022

Mary Sue Flentge-Capshaw, 88, of Cape Girardeau died Sunday, July 10, 2022 at the Lutheran Home on the Hospice Unit where she had been a resident for the last few months.

She was born May 2, 1934 in Idalia, Missouri to Jesse Jennings and Lou Jane Corbin. She was the baby of the family and was preceded in death by her brothers, Vernon, Charles and Don, an infant brother, and sister Jessie Lou.

She and Richard William Flentge were married Feb. 28, 1953 while she was a student at Southeast Missouri State College. Richard preceded her in death on May 23, 1995. She later married Ben Capshaw who also preceded her in death.

After her children started in grade school she completed her bachelors in vocational home economics at Southeast Missouri State College in 1969 and with her master in secondary education in 1982. She taught home economics at Cape Central Junior High School for 25 years, retiring in 1996. She was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church, L.U.C.Y. Sunday School Class and Wednesday Morning Prayer Group among other groups.

She is survived by four children; Cathy Tenkhoff, Patty (Todd) Lay, Mary Gaye (Mike) Banas and Richard (Ellen) Flentge II; grandchildren, Brian

(Jacqueline), Blake (Rachael) and Mary Catherine Tenkhoff, John and Adam Lay, Megan (Ben) Genard, Molly Banas, Moriah (Nate) Swedberg, Michael (Chandler) Banas, Gibson, Coleman and Brody Flentge; great grandchildren, Aubrey and Olivia Tenkhoff, Noah and Ava Tenkhoff with another due in August, Joshua, Aria, Andrew, Genard, Olive and Estelle Swedberg, Hewitt Banas, Easton and Cooper Flentge. She is also survived by her beloved friend and caretaker, Thelma Williams.

She loved her family and friends beyond words.

If you want to honor her life, consider a donation to Centenary Church or Teen Challenge instead of flowers.

The family extends their gratitude to all that helped with her care the past few years and especially Lutheran Home Hospice.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the church with Rev. Jennifer Long officiating.

Burial will take place at Cape County Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Centenary United Methodist Church  
300 N. Ellis  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Centenary United Methodist Church  
300 N Ellis St  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701-5524  
(573) 334-2869

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Mary Sue was from Idalia, Missouri -- our home was about a mile from Idalia. We were good friends from when we started to Bloomfield High School as freshmen in 1947. We rode the school bus together and frequently quizzed each other on the way to school when we had a test that day. We then both went Southeast Missouri State College (now University) starting the same day in early September 1951. We remained good friends for the rest of Mary Sue's life. Today, I called a friend of Mary Sue, Gerry Lawrence Harvey, to see how Gerry is. I asked her if she had heard from Mary Sue lately and she thought she had heard the Mary Sue had died recently! With that sad clue, I managed to find the web site for the SoutheastMissourian newspaper and found her obituary. I have forwarded her obituary to two others in the Bloomfield High School Class of 1951. I am very sorry to learn of the passing of Mary Sue. We used to kid about her being two months older than me! She was 88 and I will turn 88 on 28 July 2022.

When I left Idalia (Bloomfield) in 1951, and after graduating from SEMO in late 1954, I entered the Navy in early 1955 and spent the next 32+ years in the Navy. I then worked for the United Nations in Switzerland for over six years. I am now retired and living with my wife, Janet, in the Northern Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. I always looked forward to seeing Mary Sue at our BHS Class of '51 Reunions.

She was a very good friend and those who knew and loved her will miss her.

John R. Lincoln, Captain, U.S.Navy (Retired)  
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P.S. Richard was a good friend too. When my mother was a patient in the Southeast Hospital back in the 1960s or 1970s, he once put a

*TV in her room and would not let us pay for it.*

**John R. Lincoln** - July 19, 2022 at 07:22 PM

NH

“ *May our Savior, Jesus Christ, hold each of you in the palm of His almighty Hand and comfort you.* 🙏🏻✝️

**Nancy Huckstep** - July 13, 2022 at 09:35 AM

GR

“ *What a wonderful, gracious and genteel lady with a wonderful family too!*

*Gerald Richards*

**Gerald Richards** - July 12, 2022 at 09:41 PM

SS

“ *Mary Gaye, I am so sorry for the loss of your precious, wonderful mama. So, so difficult- my mom has been gone for over two years and it's still raw. You were surely one of her very greatest treasures, and I know that the Lord will hold your family in his strong arms as you joyously celebrate her life.* ❤️ *Susan Strom Skilton*

**Susan Skilton** - July 12, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Flentge-Capshaw.*



July 12, 2022 at 12:46 PM

LL

“ My deepest sympathies to all of Mary Sue's family. She was my teacher and friend. I had the honor of traveling with her. She looked better in a swimsuit than I did. She had a joy for life, her children and her friends. I will miss her. God's strength and blessings to her family as you remember her and all the people she touched.

*Lori Launhardt*

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**Lori Launhardt** - July 12, 2022 at 12:26 PM

MM

“ My condolences to all my cousins for the loss of the matriarch of this family. She will be missed.

*With love, Millie Flentge McCoy*

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**Millington F McCoy** - July 12, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Flentge-Capshaw.



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July 11, 2022 at 04:04 PM