



Mary Lynn Gardiner

March 26, 1954 - July 30, 2016

Mary Lynn Knaup Gardiner, 62, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Saturday, July 30, 2016 at her home.

She was born March 26, 1954 in Cape Girardeau, MO to Richard Joseph and Carla Jo Whitehead Knaup.

She and Steven "Oscar" Gardiner were married February 20, 1981 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

She was a member of St. Mary Cathedral. She worked with the family floral business over 40 years. Some of her favorite pastimes were playing softball with her friends, playing golf, cards, Bunco and spending time with her grandchildren. Mary deeply loved her family and friends.

Survivors include :

Husband - Steven "Oscar" Gardiner, Cape Girardeau, MO Daughter - Jennifer (Keith) Heuring, Jackson, MO Son - Adam Gardiner (Robert Shaw), Cape Girardeau, MO Brother - Richard J. (Charlotte Scherer) Knaup, Jackson, MO Brother - James W. (Debra Wills) Knaup, Jefferson City, MO Brother - Thomas B. Knaup, Cape Girardeau, MO Sister - Marla G. (Harold) Kunz, Kirkwood, MO Sister - Karen E. (David) Rife, Florissant, MO Sister - Kathryn J. Landewee, Cape Girardeau, MO Sister - Lucy C. (Kenneth) DeVaughn, Saint

Louis, MO Grandchild - Halle Renee Heuring Grandchild - Laci Michelle Heuring Grandchild - Cooper Dylan Heuring She is also survived by several nieces and nephews that were extremely dear to her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, August 01, 2016 at St. Mary Grade School Gymnasium in Cape Girardeau with parish prayers being said at 7:00PM.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday, August 02, 2016 at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Joseph Kelly officiating.

Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Scleroderma Foundation, 300 Rosewood Drive #105, Danvers, MA 01923.

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

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Grade School Gymnasium
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Parish Prayers

AUG 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Funeral Mass

AUG 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral
615 William St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Dear Mary, so sad to hear of your passing. May you rest forever in the love and arms of GOD ALMIGHTY!! Oscar, Jen and Adam my prayers and thoughts go out to you. I am very pleased that i was able to visit with Mary on my last trip to Cape.

Dave Compas, Temecula, California

David Compas - August 01, 2016 at 11:49 PM

BS

“ I was so sad to read about Mary's passing. My thoughts and prayers will be with all of you in the coming days. Heaven certainly gained a most compassionate, gentle, loving soul.

Brenda (Howe) Speidel

Brenda Speidel - August 01, 2016 at 09:31 PM

JO

“ Adam, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult and trying time.--Jo Priest

Jo - August 01, 2016 at 12:25 PM

BM

“ Oscar, Jennifer and Adam, my heart goes out to you all. Losing a wife, a mother and grandmother has to be a heartbreaking experience, my love to you all. I have wonderful memories of Mary and being in Cape with all the cousins. Sorry I am not able to be there, but my thoughts, love and prayers are with you all. God bless you and may Mary, rest in peace.



Becky Mullins - August 01, 2016 at 10:27 AM

BR

“ *I am so very heartbroken. She was a bright light in the roughest of times. I loved her very much. My family and I will send up a special prayer for Oscar, Jen and Adam.*

Brian Risko - August 01, 2016 at 09:25 AM

MV

“ *To the Whole Family of Mary - so sorry to hear of her passing. She is truly one of the kindest people I have ever known. All of her family were kind and compassionate - just like their parents. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God Bless You All*
Mary Vickery



Mary Vickery - August 01, 2016 at 09:19 AM

MD

“ *Oscar(Sawyer Brown) , Jennie & Adam, and rest of family*
Mary was one of the most caring people I know. She put everyone before her self.
Always treasure te fun & good times, it will help you get through this difficult time. Wll keep you all in my prayers. Love you all, Aunt Midge



midge dobyns - August 01, 2016 at 08:28 AM

SO

“ Steve, Jennifer and family,

I am so very sorry to hear of Mary's passing. What a wonderful person. Heaven just got another angel. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers for comfort during this very difficult time

God bless you,

Susie Pickett O'Connell - July 31, 2016 at 11:39 PM



TT

“ So sorry for your loss, I had the pleasure of playing softball with her. Again sorry for your loss

Tammy Terry - July 31, 2016 at 10:45 PM



TT

“ Sorry for your loss, I remember playing softball with Mary .

Tammy Terry - July 31, 2016 at 10:37 PM

CM

“ Christy (Wedeking) Mendes lit a candle in memory of Mary Lynn Gardiner

Christy (Wedeking) Mendes - July 31, 2016 at 06:40 PM



TD

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of your great loss. Mary was an amazing woman. Many prayers going up for Oscar, Jen, Adam and all of Mary's family for the days and weeks ahead.

Tammy Deimund - July 31, 2016 at 03:15 PM

CS

“ To all the Knaup family. My heart goes out to each and every one of you at this time. Mary was an amazing woman, I don't think I've ever met someone so sweet and caring. We will never understand why she was afflicted with those burdens, but she is free from all of that now, and hopefully you can take comfort in that. I'm so sorry I can't be at the visitation as I am scheduled to work that evening. I really wish I could have been there. Just know I am thinking about you all and praying for you to find some comfort in knowing she is happier than she ever imagined right now.

Love and hugs,
Connie Schmidt

Connie Schmidt - July 31, 2016 at 12:00 PM

NG

To the entire Knaup family; may God lift the sorrow from your hearts and know that Mary is enjoying the presence of Our Heavenly Father who brought her to life in love and who has taken her back to Himself in love. Know that I will be praying for all of you and I send my love and prayers.

Nancy Grim

Nancy Grim - August 02, 2016 at 04:09 AM

LH

To Oscar, Jennie, Adam and the Knaup family: My heart goes out you for your loss.. I have wonderful memories of working with Mary at Knaup Floral. She was funny, sweet, kind, generous and had such a bright creative spirit about her. She touched so many lives around her and she will be sadly missed. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lolita Hayes (Hilton Head Island, South Carolina)

Lolita Hayes - September 15, 2016 at 10:26 PM