



Mary Elizabeth McNelly

March 12, 1938 - January 25, 2020

Mary Elizabeth McNelly, 81, of Cape Girardeau died Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Saint Francis Medical Center.

She was born March 12, 1938 in Oran, Missouri to Troy and Esther Marcella Cowger Estes Sr.

She and Lail "Cotton" Bernard were married in 1955 in Oran, Missouri. She later married Joseph McNelly on June 1, 1996 in Cape Girardeau. He survives.

Mary was a graduate of Oran High School and attended Southeast Missouri State University.

She worked at the Chaffee Hat Factory, Cerebral Palsy Center in Cape Girardeau as Executive Director and the Victorian Inn.

She was formerly a member of Lynwood Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday School teacher for many years.

She loved dancing in the kitchen, frying chicken and baking her famous chocolate chip cookies.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph McNelly of Cape Girardeau; one son, Lacey (Patti) Bernard of Saint Charles, Missouri; one daughter, Wendy (Wes Medler) Nenninger of Jackson, Missouri; five grandchildren, Holly (Adam) Tucker of Cape Girardeau, Jenna (Blake) Smith of Jackson, Austin Nenninger of Jackson, Libby (fiance, Tyler Combs) Bernard of Sikeston, Missouri and Evan Bernard of St. Charles.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Lail "Cotton" Bernard; and one brother, Troy Estes, Jr.

Friends may call 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

A memorial service will be led by the family at 3:30 pm Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Avenue of Flags, VFW Post 3838, 1049 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wendy and Lacey, I'm very sorry to learn of the loss of your Mother. I have many memories of her dating back to the Owls and Redwings. Please accept my condolences.
Kevin Dickmann

Kevin Dickmann - February 06, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ Dr. Mark and Linda Calandro purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Elizabeth McNelly.



Dr. Mark and Linda Calandro - January 31, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth McNelly.



January 30, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ Lacey, very sorry for the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Take Care!
Jeff

Jeff Stoyanov - January 28, 2020 at 02:36 PM

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“ Lacey,

It fills me with sadness to hear of your loss. I know too well the feelings to lose mom. My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family in your time of grief.

*Respectfully,
Ron Sangster*

RON SANGSTER - January 28, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth McNelly.



January 27, 2020 at 02:38 PM