



## Mildred J. Gerecke

December 20, 2010

Gerecke, Mildred Janet (Millie)-Cape Girardeau Beloved wife of 64 yrs. To Henry H. Gerecke (Hank) and loving mother to David, Stephen and Jan. Born 28 July 1920 to Sarah Katherine and Colby Allen Curtis. Died 20 Dec. 2010 at the Lutheran Home of Cape Girardeau. Preceded in death by her parents and brothers Albert and Robert and sister Helen. She is survived by her husband Hank and children David (Dot), Stephen (Karen) and Jan Moore (Bob) and grandchildren - Samantha Gerecke Vojak (TJ), Stephen Moore and Jessica Gerecke. As well as 3 great-grand children Gabriel, Nolan and Ava Vojak. She graduated as a RN from the Kansas City General Hospital School of Nursing in 1943. She was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. In the US Army Nurses Corp on 1 Oct. 1943 and served in Europe, receiving an American Campaign Medal with 2 overseas bars, a campaign medal with 1 bronze Star and a World War II Victory Medal. She met her husband Hank in Nancy, France in Nov. of 1945 while both were serving overseas, and they were married 6 April 1946. During her husband's stint as Chief of police in Cape Girardeau, 1974 to 1981, she also served as a Special Police Officer for rape investigations after first going through the Reserve officer training program. Visitation will be Wednesday 22 December 2010 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church from 9:00 am to 10:30 am with the Funeral to follow at 10:30 am, with the Rev. Mark Martin and Rev. Paul Short officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requests any donations be made to the Mildred J. Gerecke scholarship fund of Southeast Missouri State University.



# Tribute Wall

PB

“ Dear Hank, I was really sorry to receive this mail this morning, but you and your family will be mentioned in despatches when my wife and I talk with our Great Chief this evening. 2 Corinthians 5.8 We are confident, [I say], and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Philip & Kathryn Budden

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**Philip Budden** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I am sorry for your loss. I am sorry I not there to give you a big hug. You and your family will be in my prayers. Love Rosalie

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**Rosalie Brown** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I am so sorry for your lost. Millie was a mentor to me at Cape Girardeau Police Dept. I was very young and lack confidence in myself but she saw some abilities and talent in me. Millie encouraged me and offered me opportunities to grow and learn. I give her and you Hank credit for me having a career in policing. My mother died when I first started CGPD and Millie use to look out for me. When I walk through the building she would yell for me to stand up straight quit slumping. I have lots of fond memories of her. She was very special and touched a lot of lives. I didn't know any professional women until I met her. She was a great role model. You will be in my prayers. Karen Sullinger/Buchheit

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**Karen Sullinger Buchheit** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Hank, My parents and I want to send our deepest condolences for the loss of Millie. I speak on their behalf by saying that your friendship throughout the years has meant the world to them. They will never forget all those bridge tournaments at your home in Fort Clayton, Panama. They also appreciate all of your Christmas letters over the years updating them on your family. We can't imagine how hard this is for you; to lose your companion after so many years. You will be in our thoughts and prayers over this Christmas season and throughout the years. Please extend our sympathies to your children, Jan, Steve and David. Their Mother was very special and for that, they can be proud. Our love.....Bill, Faye and Julie Smith

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**Julie Smith** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Julie Smith** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Sorry to hear of Millie's passing.

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**Donald and Betty Denny** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM