



Mildred Mueller

April 22, 2014

Mildred Louise Mueller, 94, died April 22, 2014 at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau. She was born June 9, 1919 in Altenburg, Missouri, the daughter of Ferdinand and Alma Seibel Buck. She attended Perryville High School, graduating in 1938. She worked for Perryville Feed Mill and then for the small arms plant in St. Louis. Mildred married Harlan Mueller of Wittenberg, Missouri June 21, 1942. After Harlan's service in the Navy during World War II in Norman, Oklahoma, the couple moved to Cape Girardeau and opened the Broadway Variety Store on Broadway. Later, they opened the Harlan J. Mueller Insurance Agency, which they operated for more than 40 years. Mildred was a licensed insurance broker. She was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday School and Bible School and participated in the Senior Ladies Aid and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. While raising two sons, Mildred served as a member of the Trinity School parents' teachers' organization, and a Cub Scout den mother. She loved to play cards and was a member of several card clubs. She liked to travel. At the time of her death, Mildred was the oldest living Past President of the Southeast Hospital (now SoutheastHEALTH) Auxiliary. She served as President from 1972-1974 and prior to that held other Auxiliary offices. A Life Member of the Auxiliary, Mildred was involved in the Auxiliary's reorganization in 1958. As an active volunteer in many areas of the hospital, Mildred donated over 3000 hours of service from 1962-1998. After becoming an inactive volunteer, she continued to support the Auxiliary and attended Auxiliary

meetings as recently as a few months ago. One of Mildred's most notable contributions to the Auxiliary was as co-chair of the annual Flea Market and Bazaar for 15 consecutive years and hundreds of hours in addition to her volunteer hours. For their tireless efforts and success in helping the Flea Market raise over \$175,000 to donate to Southeast Hospital, Mildred and her two co-chairs each received the Special Service Award from Southeast's Board of Trustees in 1983. Additionally, Mildred was an active member of the Lutheran Home Auxiliary. She was a member and Past President of the Exchangettes. Ever cheerful, Mildred met each day with a positive attitude and each person with a smile and cheerful greeting. She appreciated and cared deeply for others and throughout her life she maintained cherished relationships with a wide circle of relatives, friends and acquaintances. Mildred was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her sons, John Harlan Mueller (Susan) of Tampa, Fla., and Thomas J. Mueller of Cape Girardeau and his friend Becky Kleckner of Olmsted, Il.; grandchildren, Melanie Garbs (Gary) of Florissant, Mo. and Brian Hutson of O♦Fallon, Mo.; and great grandchildren, Chelsea Garbs, Lucas Garbs and Abigail Hutson. Funeral services will be Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape, with interment in Cape County Memorial Park thereafter. Visitation will be Friday, April 25, 2014 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ford and Sons Funeral Home, Mount Auburn Road, Cape. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran School, Southeast Hospital Auxiliary, Trinity Lutheran Church-Radio Ministry or to the blind ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Tribute Wall

CO

“ John and Tom, I looked forward to spending time with Aunt Mildred every time we made a trip to Missouri but our last trip will be the most treasured for many reasons. She faced health challenges and life in general with a positive spirit and has been a role model to many she touched. Her smile and laughter will be missed, but she will be in my heart forever.

Carol Oberndorfer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Tom, Melanie, Brian and Family, We are sorry to hear of your loss, and wanted you to know we are thinking of you and your family and that we very much enjoyed our conversations with your Mother/Grandmother/Great Grandmother.

Daun, John, Emily, Adelaine & Julia Holdmeyer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Daun Gooding, John, Emily Adelaine And Julia Holdm - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ A precious lady leaves us with many good memories. The warmth of her ever present smile and good nature have given us very good examples to emulate. We are all better people for having known her. Our prayers are with you.

Bud, Jane, and Laurie Harbin - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Tom, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your sweet mom. I know you will miss her. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

Susie Pickett O'Connell - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Mildred Mueller was a wonderful influence in my life, first as a Cub Scout Den Mother, then during high school as I spent many hours and evenings with John and his parents at 515 Cordelia. It was apparent to all that Mildred deeply loved the Lord and his people. I'm glad we will see her again soon, since Jesus prayed "that where I am, they may be also." Ken McElreath

Marsha and Ken McElreath - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ So sorry for your loss, we will keep you in our prayers. We already have a service to conduct, same time, same day but we will not forget to pray for you.

Larry & Phyllis Buckles - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ John Sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Have many fond memories of our parents helping with Walther League outings and even while we were in school at Trinity. Take care. \Robert Brinkopf

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