



## Norma L. Shipp

April 12, 1931 - July 9, 2024

Norma Lou Shipp, 93, of Jackson, formerly of Cape Girardeau passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at the Lutheran Home.

She was born April 12, 1931, in Oriole, Missouri, to Roy Wilson and Laura Koepfel McLain. Norma graduated from Jackson High School on May 21, 1948.

Norma met Henry L. Shipp on a blind date. It was love at first sight. They were true soul mates. Norma and Henry were married December 27, 1977 in Las Vegas Nevada. He preceded her in death on May 3, 2015.

Henry's job as an equipment superintendent for R.B. Potashnick moved them to various job sites across the United States throughout their marriage including Clarksville Missouri, Naples Florida and Pine Bluff Arkansas.

Retiring in 1993, Norma and Henry settled in their home on Mount Auburn Road in Cape Girardeau.

Norma was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Egypt Mills and transferred membership to Grace United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau in 1969. She was a member of the Supper Club and UMW. Her homemade Italian Coconut Crème Cake was always the highest sought dessert brought to any Grace function from dinners to fundraisers. It was not uncommon for one of Normas cakes to bring more than \$100 at many fundraising events.

Norma worked at Superior Electric as a production line technician from 1954

to 1978.

Survivors include two brothers, John (Cheral) McLain of Cape Girardeau and Jesse (Donna) McLain of Jackson, Missouri; sister-in-law Jewel McLain of O'Fallon Missouri and Dolly McLain of Jackson, Missouri and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; five brothers, Richard, Glenn, Roy, Fred and James McLain; and five sisters, Ruby McLain, Ruth Burchyett, Marie Hampton, Betty Melvin and Erma McDowell. Norma will always be known for her smile. She was loved by all who knew her. Norma was kind and compassionate and was always ready to help others even if it was just a phone call and an ear to listen. She will be truly missed by all. Norma will be especially missed by her two best caregivers, John and Evan and her four-legged friend, Buddy.

Pallbearers will be Johnny, Jeffrey, Randy, Ricky and Gary McLain, and Robert Gandy.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Daniel and Evan McLain.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday July 14, 2024 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 15, 2024 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home, with the Reverend Linda Gastreich officiating. Burial will be in Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Grace United Methodist Church, 521 Caruthers, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 or Shriners Hospitals for Children, 4400 Clayton Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri 63110.

Online condolences may be made at [fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://fordandsonsfuneralhome.com) <<http://fordandsonsfuneralhome.com>>.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

MZ

“ I have worked at John’s Pharmacy for 22 years and for many years Norma and Henry were loyal customers. I really enjoyed getting to know them and always loved helping them when they came in. One year, I was assigned to help with the Medicare Part D plans and I looked up plans for them. Shortly after meeting with them about what plan they should choose, Norma showed up with a delicious cherry pie for me. It was the most beautiful and delicious pie! I told her that I was just doing my job. She was always so friendly and kind, and like her obituary mentioned, had the most beautiful smile. She was one of a kind and will be missed, but so glad she will be reunited with Henry and other loved ones!

*Marilyn Zaruba*

Marilyn Zaruba - July 15, 2024 at 10:05 AM

SU

“ Shelley U. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma L. Shipp.

Shelley U. - July 11, 2024 at 02:23 PM

LG

“ Love, Larry, Bonnie, Laura and Grandchil purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Norma L. Shipp.



Love, Larry, Bonnie, Laura and Grandchil - July 11, 2024 at 01:14 PM



“ I met Ms. Norma while she visited her sister-in-law and then her brother, Richard. Henry often came with her and she was the sweetest, kindest, most precious lady. I told her I wish I had a sister-in-law like her. Heaven DEFINITELY gained a true angel and I know she's rejoicing in heaven with her loved ones.

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**Debbie Hinkebein** - July 11, 2024 at 07:25 AM

KC

“ I knew Norma for the last 10 years or so. What a SWEET and caring lady! Her love for her Henry was so apparent and now she is reunited w/him again.

*Kim Crowden*

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**Kim Crowden** - July 10, 2024 at 01:26 PM

BP

*My Aunt Norma was one of the most caring people I have ever known. She always was baking something for someone and after my husband passed away she called me every night for a long time. She never complained about her health and always said she was so lucky to be her age and had family that took such good care of her. I will miss our phone calls and not being able to visit with her when I come thru Cape. My Uncle Henry was so lucky to have found such a wonderful person to marry, She took such good care of him when he was sick. Prayers for her family, I know they will miss her. Donna and Jessie and their family were so good to her and she told me many times how much she appreciated and loved them.*

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**Beth Perry** - July 11, 2024 at 09:36 AM

SW

*Prayers for the family, Mrs. Shipp was a wonderful lady who made great cakes and pies, she was always so nice and how she cared for Mr. Shipp was so wonderful, they would both work so hard at Shrine events and she was always so friendly. Earth lost but Heaven won and now her and her husband are together again.*

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**Sharron Werner** - July 12, 2024 at 04:12 PM