



Oralea Mathis

February 5, 2012

Oralea P. Mathis, 76, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., died Sunday, February 5, 2012 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau. She was born June 11, 1935 in Zalma, Mo. to William McKinley and Ora Jane Moore Prater. She and Billie Gene Mathis were married September 4, 1954 at Marble Hill, Mo. He died March 30, 1999. Oralea was a graduate of Lutesville High School. She along with her husband operated their own business as insurance agents and brokers in St. Roberts, Mo. She was a G.E.D. Teacher several years and also worked at the FISH Food Pantry in Cape Girardeau. Oralea was very active at Lynwood Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary in Waynesville, Mo. She enjoyed travelling with her husband. Survivors include one son, Ronald (Victoria) Mathis of Springfield, Mo.; one daughter, Joy (Wayne) Ellington of Springdale, Ark.; three brothers, Raymond Prater of Oregon, Herbert Prater of Virginia, Jerry Prater of Robertsville, Mo.; one sister, Lucille James of Marble Hill, Mo.; three grandchildren, Nathaniel Mathis, Jonathan Mathis, Gary Ellington; two great-grandchildren, Natalie and Avery Mathis; and numerous extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, Michael Lynn Mathis, and six brothers and sisters. Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Friday, February 10, 2012 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Kevin Coffee officiating. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National

Cemetery in St. Louis with a committal service at 2:15 PM Friday, February 10, 2012 . Memorial contributions may be given to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

Tribute Wall

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“ Joy, Ronald and family, My deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear mother. Joy, I remember that you and your mother came to the cemetery when my mom was buried. That meant a lot to me.

Jane Reilly Purcell - October 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Oralea was a shining example of a great mother and a lady. I learned so much from her and will miss her counsel so much.
Sandy

Sandy Tedder - August 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon, all those in the 'memorial tombs' will hear the voice of his only-begotten son Jesus and 'come out' by means of the resurrection. (John 5:28,29) What a wonderful day that will be!

K. Jackson - August 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Joy... My thoughts & prayers go out to you & your family. Love & hugs, Joyce

Joyce LaQuey Milcic - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM