



Orene Hoffman

August 19, 1925 - May 3, 2017

Mary Orene Hoffman, 91, of Cape Girardeau died peacefully, surrounded by her family on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 in Cape Girardeau.

She was born August 19, 1925 in Fancy Farm, Kentucky to Thomas Orion and Lillie Jane Logsdon Ballard.

She and Jerome Francis Hoffman were married September 26, 1942 at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death September 11, 1989.

Orene worked as a nurse's aid for 25 years at both the Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, beginning at age 15.

She was a member of St. Mary Cathedral and the Ladies Sodality at the church. She also volunteered at Birthright.

She loved flower gardening, especially her roses.

Survivors include four sons, Ken (Karen) Hoffman of Cape Girardeau, Joe (Dollie) Hoffman of Jackson, Missouri, Bob Hoffman of Cape Girardeau and Jim (Kim) Hoffman of Cape Girardeau; four daughters, Jane (Hugo) Lang of Paducah, Kentucky, Margie (Don) Reece of Olathe, Kansas, Rebecca

(Richard) Essner of Cape Girardeau and Cathy (Rick) Fehr of Cape Girardeau; two daughters-in-law, Jackie (Jerry, deceased) Hoffman and Debbie (Martin, deceased) Hoffman, both of Cape Girardeau; a sister, Donna Thomas of Mayfield, Kentucky; two brothers, David and Ray Ballard of Fancy Farm; 32 grandchildren; 80 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Jerry and Martin Hoffman; and seven siblings.

Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. Parish prayers will be at 7 PM with Knights of Columbus Rosary immediately following.

Funeral mass will be at 10:00 AM Monday, May 8, 2017 at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Allan Saunders officiating.

Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Parish Prayers

MAY 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
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Rosary

MAY 7. 7:20 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAY 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral
615 William St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Tribute Wall

DE

“ My dear Aunt Orene was such a wonderful lady! I will never forget her kindness always shown to me as a child growing up and also as an adult. My mother, her sister Donna, had such a great visit with her on January 28, 2017. I will never forget their smiles and their hands holding each other!! My sympathy goes out to the whole family!!

Love you all!!
Denise Elder
Fancy Farm, KY

Denise Elder - May 07, 2017 at 09:55 PM

BH

“ Mary Jane, Margie, Becky, Cathy, and all of your family, you have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother Orene. She was a special lady. Medical reasons prevent me from seeing you in person, but please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Barbara (Hagan) Hess - May 07, 2017 at 05:01 PM

JB

“ David and Joyce Ballard send our deepest regrets and sorry we couldn't make it. We will be praying for all of you.

Joyce Ballard - May 07, 2017 at 04:03 PM

RT

“ Aunt Orene's warm, genuine, loving, and endearing smile...

A daughter, a granddaughter, a great-granddaughter, a daughter-in-law, a wife, a mom, a grandma, a great-grandma, a great-great grandma, a sister, a sister-in-law, a neighbor, a friend, a Great Samaritan, and a Great Aunt too.

An enduring legacy each of us have graciously received from you.

Wondrous, living memories of Great Aunt Orene are a cherished keepsake from which we will never part.

Now, God has you in his arms. We are blessed to have you in our heart.

Keep on smiling...

Love, always, forever,

*Rick Thomas
Denver, Colorado*

Rick Thomas - May 07, 2017 at 01:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Orene Hoffman.*



May 06, 2017 at 11:22 AM

DO

“ My dear sweet sister, Orene. She was always so good to me. I will miss our talks of long ago, all the stories I never knew about our family, being a younger child. She and Muriel were surrogate mamas to us little ones during the war. They each had a baby and lived with us, as their husbands were fighting over seas.. Mom worked in the bullet factory at West Viola. I remember Orene coming home from the city, wearing slacks, smoking cigarettes, bringing us hershey bars and taking us blackberry picking. She gave me my first hair perm when I was six. My love and prayers go out to her family. I know your hearts are breaking, as is mine. Donna Thomas

DonnaThomas - May 05, 2017 at 07:48 PM

MR

Thanks Aunt Donna. We all love you. Cathy said you will have to be our mama now.

Margie Reece - May 05, 2017 at 09:09 PM

KE

Aunt Donna, loved the story, tell everyone I wish I could be at the service but it's not possible! Love you!

Ken Enoch - May 06, 2017 at 09:35 AM

PN

Dear sweet Aunt Orene I will miss your sweet smile and laugh. I always enjoyed your visits and my visits to Cape. However, I will not miss the dog banging on the upstairs door trying to greet us! Sorry Bobby, I am scared of dogs I do not know. I lived sitting around listening to the family stories and hearing you and your sisters laugh. You always made me feel welcomed and loved as your whole family does when visiting. Tell everyone hello in Heaven. I miss them dearly. You will never be forgotten and please keep us all in your prayers as we walk toward the gates of Heaven in our daily lives on Earth. Save me a seat so we can laugh again together with your family in Heaven. I love you!

Pam Nanny - May 06, 2017 at 11:20 AM

DC

I wish I could have been around her more. I miss the stories of what once was.

Deena Ballard Carrico - May 06, 2017 at 02:09 PM

TE

“*I always think of my aunt Orene as warm, peaceful, gentle. "She was always that way," my mother (her sister Muriel) would say. "She was always the easy-going one, out of all the kids." Rest as you lived, my dear aunt, peacefully and knowing how much you are loved. ,, Tom Ellerbrock*

Tom Ellerbrock - May 05, 2017 at 06:41 PM

MR

Thanks Tom!

Margie Reece - May 05, 2017 at 11:04 PM

DS

“*Aunt Orene was a very special and loving person. She will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. May she rest in peace. Diane Seyer Staebel*

Diane Staebel - May 05, 2017 at 03:07 PM

MR

Thanks Diane, love you.

Margie Reece - May 05, 2017 at 09:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Orene Hoffman.



May 05, 2017 at 01:08 PM



“ *Orene was a very special lady to me. I first knew her when I was a teenager working summers for Ray and Rose Mary Seyer, her brother and sister in-laws and my uncle and aunt. We spent many good times together with both their young families. Even as we both grew older she was always smiling, always a friend to me, always with a kind word. Your family should be so proud to call her your mother, as I am proud to call her my friend. Sincerely, Louise Sobba Jansen (George)*

Louise Sobba Jansen - May 05, 2017 at 12:18 PM



Thanks Louise.

Margie Reece - May 05, 2017 at 09:15 PM



“ *Kenny, so sorry for your loss.*

Phyllis and Kenny LaMar

Phyllis LaMar - May 05, 2017 at 06:51 AM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Orene Hoffman.*



May 04, 2017 at 10:48 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Orene Hoffman.*



May 04, 2017 at 09:35 PM