



## Patricia A. Bixler

September 7, 1933 - November 2, 2019

Patricia A. Bixler, 86, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Life Care Center of Cape Girardeau, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born September 7, 1933 in Lilbourn, Missouri to James William and Mary Francis Welsh Hopper.

She and Charles Lee Bixler were married October 5, 1954 at St. Francis Xavier in Sikeston, Missouri. He preceded her in death on August 18, 2007.

She was a graduate of Canalou High School in 1951 and The Jewish School of Nursing in Saint Louis in 1954.

She worked as a nurse at Southeast Hospital, Cape LaCroix Manor and retired from American Red Cross.

She enjoyed reading, gardening, taking a drive to see crops being harvested and playing bridge. She had a love for writing and even had a chapter published in Canalou: People, Culture, Bootheel Town written by Danny Whittle. She loved her kids and grandkids unconditionally. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought her so much joy.

Survivors include her one daughter, Lisa (Larry) Booton of Cape Girardeau;

one son, Vince (Christy) Bixler of Cape Girardeau; one sister, Betty Ellington of Portageville, Missouri; one brother, John (Roberta) Hopper of Chesterfield, Illinois; four grandchildren, Lindsay (Corey) Bohnert of Richmond, Virginia, Clayton (Saylor) Hardesty of Cape Girardeau, Allison Hardesty of Cottleville, Missouri, Nicholas Bixler of Cape Girardeau; three great-grandchildren, Reed and Lila Bohnert both of Richmond, Virginia and Laney Hardesty of Cape Girardeau.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one sister, Rosemary Millar.

Visitation will be 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Service will follow at 11:00 am Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Ron Watts officiating.

Burial will be at Garden of Memories in Sikeston.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cape Girardeau Public Library.

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

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Garden of Memories

1001 W. Murray Lane  
Sikeston, MO 63801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ I came to know Pat when I went to work at Cape La Croix Manor in 1971. One could not find a more dedicated RN Nurse Manager who put HER patients first. She could give a wicked young lashing to anyone who shirked proper patient care, that being CNA or MD! My family and I moved from Cape in 1984 and as with our mobile society, lost touch with Pat and her family. Thanks to a friend, in Cape, Charlotte and I just learned of Pat's passing.

God Bless you Pat and family. I'm sure St. Peter needed someone to see that pillows were fluffed at bedtime.

Carl & Charlotte Wilkins

---

Carl Wilkins - November 06, 2019 at 07:43 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Bixler.



---

November 05, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Bixler.



---

November 05, 2019 at 10:48 AM

JU

“ Heartfelt sympathy..I worked with Pat ..great lady and a great Nurse. Janice Unger

---

janice unger - November 05, 2019 at 09:17 AM

WM

“ Pat was a mentor of mine when I joined the Red Cross. She was a hard worker, tough on us but had a heart of gold. She will be missed by many but she is now with her husband in heaven continuing to look out for us. Sorry for your loss but also grateful knowing she is with our heavenly father. Wesley Mangels

---

wesley mangels - November 05, 2019 at 09:15 AM

MS

“ I had the privilege of working with Pat at the American Red Cross. I was a very young nurse and she was getting close to retirement at that time. She taught me a great deal about the job. She was funny, smart and wonderful to work with. I will always be grateful for the lessons she taught me about nursing and my job at Red Cross. I'm very sorry for your family's loss. I know that Pat is at peace. God Bless.

---

Mona Sanford - November 04, 2019 at 08:25 PM

CM

“ Lisa...we are truly sorry for your loss! Your mother was a very special woman that loved you very much! I remember all of the time I spent at your house growing up...she was always there for us to be our chauffeur (lol) and drive us around in her cool, old car that we would have her drop us a block away from our destination so that we wouldn't be seen in it. Now, I would give anything to have that car!😂. I have a lot of memories of her...all good! I don't think I ever saw her get mad either! Wonderful human being all the way around...she will be missed!  
Sincerely,  
Carla McClish

---

**Carla (Frentzel) McClish** - November 04, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Bixler.



---

November 04, 2019 at 07:22 PM

GL

“ Lisa, I am very sorry about your mother. But she leaves behind a wonderful legacy. Take peace in that. I send my love and God's love.

---

**Gregory Lincoln** - November 04, 2019 at 06:03 PM

EH

“ Lisa, Chuck and I always loved seeing your mother and father. They were always so sweet to us both. I remember them taking their corvette out for a spin on pretty Sunday afternoons. Love you. Elizabeth.

Elizabeth Hardesty - November 04, 2019 at 02:35 PM

BP

“ Bill & Mary Beth Purdy purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Patricia A. Bixler.



Bill & Mary Beth Purdy - November 04, 2019 at 02:28 PM

LF

“ Love, Doug, Connie, Joann and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Patricia A. Bixler.



Love, Doug, Connie, Joann and family - November 04, 2019 at 01:49 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Bixler.



November 04, 2019 at 01:34 PM