



## Patricia Maxine Heuschober Hodges

May 4, 1927 - February 18, 2020

Patricia Maxine (Heuschober) Hodges passed away suddenly at Delta South Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Sikeston, on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. She was 92 years old.

Patricia was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, May 4, 1927 to William and Celius Marie (Brown) Heuschober. She was the youngest of eight, including Elton (Bus), Gladys (Sis) and Bill Lehne, Howard, William (Bill) and Maxine Heuschober, Erma and Clarence McLard, Edna Mae and Virgil Cotner, and Virginia (Jen) and Ken Johnson.

In May, 1947, she was united in marriage to James Samuel Hodges, Jr. at the Maple Avenue Methodist Church, Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death on March 4, 2017.

Pat graduated from Cape Central High School and had been employed by F.W. Woolworth and CO on Main Street in Cape. She also graduated from a one year secretarial program at Cape Girardeau Business College. Following her marriage, she became a career housewife and mother. Pat and Jim lived in Cairo, Illinois (twice), Clinton, Kentucky, Du Quoin, Illinois, Cape Girardeau and the last 57 years in East Prairie, Missouri.

Her non domestic work was concentrated around her membership in the Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church and the East Prairie community. She was a diligent worker in the Sunday School program, Vacation Bible School, Holy Communion, and sang in the church. Faithful in her church attendance, she was the eldest member of the local Methodist Church at the

time of her passing. For a number of years Pat volunteered to deliver "Meals on Wheels," worked as an election judge, was a multiple blood donor to the American Red Cross and assisted with the Girl Scouts program.

Pat's hobbies included bowling which she did for most of her life, into her eighties. She enjoyed being outside, working in her yard as well as playing outdoor games with her kids and grand kids. When she got her driver's license in the late 1960s, she enjoyed driving to Sikeston and Cape Girardeau to visit with Jim's and her family members.

Survivors include two sons: Steve (Amy) Hodges of East Prairie and Gary (Deb) Hodges of Grand Junction, Colorado and one daughter: Cynthia (Rick) Nowell of New Madrid. She had four grandsons: James Hodges of New Madrid, Andrew (Natalka) Hodges of Akron, Ohio, Adam Hodges of Branson, Missouri, and David Wayne Prince of Cape Girardeau. Also, two great-grandsons: William Patrick Hodges and Samuel Peyton Hodges of New Madrid and four step grandchildren: Joshua Nowell, Allison Nowell Courtois (David), Madeline Nowell Bell (Zach) and Meredith Nowell Wilson (Sam).

Under the direction of Ford and Sons Funeral Home, services will be held Sunday, February 23, 2020, at the Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum. Public visitation will be held from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. with the service beginning at 4:00 p.m. Gary Hodges will officiate with assistance from Rev. Brian Abbott. Entombment will take place on site.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 292, East Prairie, Missouri, 63845.

# 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

FEB 23. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

CL

“ I was her first nephew, as my mom was the oldest in the family and she was the youngest. With only a few more years, we could have been in high school together. Except for the sons, in which WWII took them to far places, three of the girls stayed in Cape. But Pat and Jen, the next youngest, ventured forth. Jen to all parts of the world, and Pat to a good section of Southern Illinois, Kentucky, and the bootheel. Obviously, sh took and made the family home in each place. Tough thing to do, almost like a frontier mother.

*But in later years, she visited my Mom, almost every Wednesday, the oldest with the youngest. I have no idea what they talked about. It helped my Mom tremendously, and I am forever grateful. Husband Jimmy waited patiently for her in the pickup parked outside. How many hundreds of trips that must have been.*

*God Bless You, Pat a good and faithful servant to God, and family. Be at peace until we meet again.*

*Maybe you'll be looking down at me from that raised platform that was the business office at Woolworth's. Please use the Spanish street entrance.*

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**Carl W. Lehne** - February 24, 2020 at 04:13 PM

SH

*Carl, thank you, your words are warm and memorable.*

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**Steve Hodges** - March 19, 2020 at 01:24 AM

JS

“ Mrs. Hodges also did lots of visiting at the EP nursing center, where she and other ladies from Nelson Methodist had wed. Singing and Sharing Gods love with those there! She and Mr. Hodges both love their kids, Grands, Church, an Town, as well as the people! I miss her already. Love and Prayers to all her lovely family, she was a Jewell

Janie Stallings - February 23, 2020 at 12:14 AM

SH

Janie, how thoughtful and considerate are your words❤️✝️

Steve Hodges - March 19, 2020 at 01:25 AM

TA

“ What a wonderful lady Ms. Pat was. Bowled on her team for years and always cheered a big "Good" if you got a strike or spare. She was so kind and always had a smile on her face. She will be missed.

Tammy "Johnson" Adams - February 22, 2020 at 01:13 PM

SH

Tammy, loving of you to remember Mom, thank you

Steve Hodges - March 19, 2020 at 01:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia Maxine Heuschober Hodges.



February 22, 2020 at 08:08 AM

DM


“ Aunt Pat will be missed by many. She always smiled, had a kind word for all and loved the St. Louis Cardinals. Rest in peace Aunt Pat.

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**Dick and Donna McGregor** - February 21, 2020 at 08:27 PM

RH

“ Aunt Pat was such a sweet, kind person and an individual who loved her family and relatives. She made many trips to Commerce to visit my Grandma and Grandpa Cotner and she was stop by my mom and dads house for a few minutes to visit before heading home. I have lots of memories of family reunions and people would introduce her as the baby sister. She would smile and say I'm old to still be the baby! She was a wonderful person to all she met! I will miss her!



*Rhonda Michael Painton*

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**Rhonda** - February 21, 2020 at 08:02 AM