



Paula Jean Hornbeek

June 9, 1935 - June 17, 2023

Paula Jean Hornbeek, 88, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Saturday, June 17, 2023 at The Lutheran Home.

She was born June 9, 1935 in Hecla, South Dakota to Frank Cecil and Eileen G. Corliss Maynard.

She and Gene Laverne Willis Sr. were married in 1953 in Springfield, Illinois. He preceded her in death in February 1981. She later married James Albert Hornbeek on November 14, 2000 at Pocahontas, Arkansas. He preceded her on November 12, 2018.

She worked as a library clerk in Central Illinois.

She was a member of Mount Auburn Christian Church. She also belonged to the Illinois State Rifle Association.

Survivors include two sons, Gene Laverne (Jill) Willis, Jr. of Sparta, Tennessee and Tim (Erica) Willis of Jackson, Missouri; four grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husbands.

Friends may call 9:00 am to 10:00 am on Friday, June 23, 2023 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 am Friday, June 23, 2023 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Casey Elmore officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Cancer Society, PO Box 28566, Saint Louis, MO 63146.

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

JUN 23. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUN 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sending sincere condolences to Paula’s family . Although I only befriended her for a short time , she was truly a very special lady ! It was my pleasure to care for her in her last days . May she rest in peace



Terri Rice - June 22, 2023 at 01:45 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paula Jean Hornbeek.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paula Jean Hornbeek.

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