



## Rachael H. Young

November 3, 1934 - October 20, 2021

She was born November 3, 1934 in Garden City, Kansas to Leslie Harold and Helen Halleck Tubbs Pennington. During the Western Kansas dust bowl days her family moved to the Labette County, Kansas area where other relatives were living. Rachael graduated from Labette County High School in the class of 1952 and later that same year she and John Edward Young were married August 31, 1952 in Altamont, Kansas.

After her marriage she attended Ottawa University in Kansas and Kent State University in Ohio, studying vocal music.

Rachael moved to Cape Girardeau with her family in 1968 when John joined the faculty of Southeast Missouri State University. She was active as a volunteer in the community which included a local group to assist families of those with Down's Syndrome and the Head Start program when it began here in the 1970s.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Cape Girardeau where for many years she served as a children's Sunday School teacher, was part of the Sanctuary Choir, women's trio, and a soloist. She was also active in the Missouri Baptists Women's Choir. When she sang, it was clear in her countenance that she was worshipping the Lord from her heart.

More than her volunteer and church activities, Rachael found her greatest joy and purpose in being a wife and mother, considering this a very high calling. Of high importance was sharing from her faith in Christ and cultivating a love of God's Word in her family. She passed on her love of music to her children, using her pocket money for piano lessons for six of them. The love of music has passed down through the generations with children and grandchildren continuing to study and perform in music, many making it their career and to this day music fills the room when the family gathers at holiday time. Those who know her best describe her as a kind, gentle, and gracious friend.

Survivors include her husband John E. Young of Cape Girardeau; three sons, Lawrence "Larry" (Deborah) Young of Cape Girardeau, Eric (Nanci) Young of Pocahtontas, Arkansas and Bryan (Amy) Young of Jackson, Missouri; four daughters, Melinda (Michael) Mullins of Waterloo, Illinois, Kirsten (Christopher) Rasche of Rogers, Arkansas, Sarah Young of Cape Girardeau and Lucinda "Cindy" Young of Cape Girardeau; son-in-law, Carl "David" Atkins of Cape Girardeau; brother, William Pennington of Sacramento, California; sister, Margaret (John) Cosby of Mesa, Arizona; 18 grandchildren, Crystal Monahan (Mark Hudoba), Carly (Lee) Winters, Jessica Atkins, Lauren (Joseph) Thomas, Andrew (Kristie) Young, Jonathan (Natalie) Young, Erin (Cody) Ivy, Mary Kathryn "Katie" Young, Jason Young, Elise Mullins, Sean Mullins, Lindsay (Ryan) Reams, Veronica Young, Kendall Young, Michael (Lisa) Rasche, Allison (Scott) Brenner, Caitlin (Tyler) Rodgers, and Stephen Rasche; 16 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Rebecca Atkins; brother, Eugene Pennington; and sister, Eleanor Potter.

Friends may call 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will be at 1:00 pm Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Mike Shupert officiating.

Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to First Baptist Church or Multiple Myeloma Foundation.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Fairmount Cemetery

835 Caruthers  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Dear John and family,

*We are sorry that we were unable to be with you for Rachael's celebration of life service, but our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. We will never forget Rachael: Her sweet smile and soft laugh, her strong faith in God. Loved the fact that your family loved to sing and now she is singing with the Angel Choir. What a blessing!*

*It is our prayer that your faith will give you strength for each new day, and that the wonderful memories you shared will bring much comfort.*

*God's love and ours,  
Harold and Jeanine*

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**Harold and Jeanine Hager** - October 26, 2021 at 07:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rachael H. Young.*



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October 25, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Young family.*

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**Tammy Deimund** - October 24, 2021 at 09:47 PM

BW

“ *John, your wife's story is a beautiful rendition of a wonderful life lived in iove and faith.  
I grieve for the emptiness you are feeling.  
Bill Williamson*

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**Bill Williamson** - October 24, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Rachael H. Young.*



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October 24, 2021 at 07:28 AM

DK

“ *What a beautiful soul Rachael has. Our heavenly choir has anew member. May your memories comfort you until you meet again.  
Praying.*

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**Donna Komorech** - October 24, 2021 at 01:23 AM

LF

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the Young family. So sorry for your loss. Mrs. Young was a fine, radiant Christian woman full of grace. May the memories that you have of her comfort you at this time.*

*Lisa Richardson Frayser*

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**Lisa Frayser** - October 23, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Rachael H. Young.



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October 22, 2021 at 12:02 PM