



Rita Cross

March 7, 2009

Rita Imogene "Jeannie" Cross, 61, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., died Saturday, March 7, 2009. After coping with an illness for nearly two years, she passed away at her home surrounded by her family. She was born June 8, 1947 in Bethany Ill., daughter of Darrel "Dutch" and Julia Wilkinson Pritts. She and Vernon R. Cross were married April 11, 1969 in Bethany. She attended Bethany Elementary and Bethany High School. She graduated from John's School of Esthetics in Decatur, Ill. and owned and operated her own beauty salon in Bethany for several years. After their move to Cape Girardeau in 1974, she was a homemaker until all three of her children were in school. She worked 10 years as a sales representative for Johnson & Johnson and five years as a sales representative for Kimberly-Clarke. Mrs. Cross was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She will be most truly missed by those who knew and loved her. Her kind spirit and unselfish nature will never be forgotten. Survivors include her husband; daughter, Nikki Crosnoe and husband, Rex of Cape Girardeau; sons, Todd Luster and wife, Lucy of Crossville Tenn., and Joshua Cross of Albermarle, N.C.; sisters, Joan Chaney of Decatur, Ill., and Carolyn Austin of Bethany, Ill.; three grandsons who adored her, Cooper, Gunner, and Carter Crosnoe of Cape Girardeau, and her mother-in-law, Christine Cross of Hayti, Mo. She was preceded in death by her parents. Visitation will be Monday, March 9, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau, Mo. The funeral will be Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 1 p.m at the funeral home with Lay

Minister Jim Hicks of St. Andrew Lutheran church leading the service. Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park. Memorials in her memory can be made to the American Lung Association and to Chicago's Children Memorial Hospital Neurosurgery Department. The family would like to thank Southeast Missouri Hospice for their excellent and compassionate care.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Chris*

Chris (Fields) Abbott - October 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Vernon Ray We are deeply sorry for your loss. May you be comforted at this time. Your cousin Babe*

Chuck and Bernadette Treece - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Vernon, We were so sorry to hear about Rita. We send our heartfelt sympathy. Family is so important and we hope you know we include cousins in that "family". Amos and Dottie*

Amos and Dottie Bradsher - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To Vernon and family. We are deeply sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers. May God be with you during this difficult time. The Lusters*

Phillip Luster, Karen Luster, Tommy Luster, John Lust - July 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM