



Roberta Lee "Bert" (Rafferty) Birk

June 12, 1940 - October 1, 2015

Roberta Lee (Rafferty) Birk born into this world on June 12, 1940 to the parents of Mary Mollenhour and Robert Rafferty Sr. was born into an eternal heavenly life on Thursday, October 1, 2015.

She was affectionately known as Bert to her friends and family. Bert attended Immaculate Conception School. She was a 1958 graduate of Jackson R-2 where she was a cheerleader, Carnival Queen and Silver Arrow Queen. She then attended SEMO. She worked at Ann's Dress Shop in Jackson during her high school years. Later, she was a receptionist/bookkeeper for her brother's business, Pest Free years later.

After many years of staying home to provide her children with a loving home environment before sending them off to school she became a bus driver for the R-2 school district and later worked as a cook in the school cafeteria. As her children all began leaving the nest she began yet another career of care giving but this time in Pastoral Care at Southeast Hospital. When she was no longer able to do that she quickly learned the craft of piecing quilts. It gave her great joy to give her quilts as gifts to her children, grandchildren and numerous other friends and family members.

She is survived by a loving husband of 55 years, Bill Birk who cared for her diligently through her 16 years of struggling with Parkinson's disease; five

loving sons, Andy (Glenna), Rob (Debbie), Tony, Billy and Tyler (Krista) and one daughter, Nancy (Gary) Seyer; ten grandchildren, Jamie (Landon) Bollinger, Leslie Birk, Andy Jay Birk, Chelsea (Garrett) Patterson, Taylor, Bailey Jo, Lilly, Tristan, Paisley and Chandler Seyer; two great-grandchildren, Carson and Jaxson; two sisters, Sue (Don) Ludwig, Ann (Joe) Donnelly; brother, Bob (Susie) Rafferty Jr.; sister-in-law, Cherry Sue Birk; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded into eternal life by her parents; an infant brother and brother-in-law, Joe Birk.

Visitation will be Friday, October 2, 2015 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Jackson. Parrish prayers will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Rosary.

Funeral Mass will be Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the church with Msgr. Edward M. Eftink, PH.D. officiating.

Entombment will immediately follow at Cape County Memorial Park & Mausoleum.

Memorial donations may be given to the Cross Catholic Outreach, PO Box 273908, Boca Raton, Florida 33427-3908.

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

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
208 S. Hope
Jackson, MO 63755

Funeral Mass

OCT 3. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CL

“ My heart goes out to the Birk/Rafferty families in their loss of Bert...she was one of my best friends throughout high school and life...and I have missed her loving nature for years. Blessings to Bill, Nancy and all her long-time caregivers who gave so much of their love to Bert....she is gone and I will always miss her. love, cindy smith lewis

cindy smith lewis - October 06, 2015 at 02:35 PM

BL

“ Very sorry for your loss. Bob Lewis

Bob Lewis - October 06, 2015 at 11:58 AM

MH

“ I remember Bert in grade school at IC. She was two years ahead of me. Because the 6th,7th, and 8th grades were together in one room we would have recess together.
Bert was always kind and considerate. She helped the 6th graders feel comfortable even in the same room as the 8th graders. I always appreciated that.

Mary Ann (Lewis) Haynes - October 05, 2015 at 08:19 PM

PM

“ I have known the Rafferty family since childhood (Sue / Bert and parents, I did not know her other sister or brother). I remember visits to their farm as a youngster. I attended school (GS and HS) with Sue and Bert as I was between their ages, and with Bert's husband, Bill, who was a childhood friend.

We, Betty and I, have been not lived in MO since 1960, but we have had frequent visits with our family in Jackson and Cape. I made many drop by visits to Bill & Bert's home and played golf with Bill a number of times during those MO visits.

So, I say it was always a pleasure to visit them even when Bert's condition was worsening. Bert had a friendly way and will be missed by many I am sure.

Maybe, not the best thing to say, but "Hopefully she is better off now."

Bill and Bert's Family we extend our condolences. Paul & Betty Medley.

Paul Medley - October 04, 2015 at 07:45 PM

JM

“ Prayers and thoughts are with your entire family.
Jason and Jill Morrow

Jason Morrow - October 04, 2015 at 11:58 AM

GE

“ Georgia smith and family



georgia - October 02, 2015 at 10:27 PM

TF

“ Tyler Watson & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Roberta Lee "Bert" (Rafferty) Birk.



Tyler Watson & Family - October 02, 2015 at 06:46 PM

KM

“ Billy, your family remains in our thoughts and prayers. American Family Commercial Farm Ranch Team 4

Kristi Miley - October 02, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roberta Lee "Bert" (Rafferty) Birk.



October 02, 2015 at 09:31 AM



“ *Ann and Joe, Bob and Susie we are sorry to hear of Bert's passing and we extend our condolences and offer our prayers*
John and Debra Jones

John Jones - October 02, 2015 at 09:13 AM



“ *So sad to hear of the passing of your mother. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of loss. God's blessings to the Family. Susan Knaup Dirnberger*

Susan Dirnberger - October 01, 2015 at 04:58 PM