



Rose Marie Laurentius

November 7, 1934 - July 19, 2025

Rose Marie Laurentius, 90, went to her heavenly home on July 19, 2025, surrounded by her family.

She was born November 7, 1934, in Lutesville, Missouri. She was the daughter of Martin H. and Rose Heimsath VanGennip. She and Alfred Laurentius were married on August 21, 1954, at St. Johns Church in Leopold, Missouri. Rose was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who prided herself on her family. She was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral and the Parish Council of Catholic Woman.

She is survived by four sons, Gary (Diane) Laurentius, Randy Laurentius, Jim (Sherri Rogers)

Laurentius, Rick Laurentius and one daughter, Shirley (Steve) Niswonger. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Jeremy Laurentius, Kelli (Marcus) Birk, Lisa (Paul) Hudson, Danny (Tonya) Laurentius, Sebastian Laurentius, Kaitlyn Laurentius; three great-grandchildren, Tyler Hudson, Caleb Hudson and Clayton Birk. Also surviving is one brother, Ed VanGennip; and three sisters-in-law, Helen Laurentius, Wilma VanGennip and Melva McFarland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred; a son, Ray; her parents; one son-in-law, Steve Niswonger; four brothers; one sister-in-law; and one brother-in-law.

There will be Parish prayers and a Rosary at 4 pm, Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Visitation will follow until 8 pm at the funeral home.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 am, Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery following the Mass.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at The Chateau Girardeau for the love and care they had for Rose.

In lieu of flowers we ask that you donate to St. Jude's Children Hospital or the St. Mary's Food Pantry.

Previous Events

Parish Prayers followed by Rosary

JUL 22. 4:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Visitation

JUL 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUL 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral
615 William St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Tribute Wall

KL

“ I worked with Rose at Advance, Mo when we were in our teens. I attended their wedding in 1954. We had some fun time together and lots of Memories! Kathleen Elfrank Lagrand..

Kathleen Lagrand - July 24, 2025 at 04:10 PM

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“ I enjoyed playing bingo with Rose at chateau. I played dominoes and got to be friends with Gary there also. I knew Alfred from MFA also. Your family is in my prayers.

Franklin Welter - July 21, 2025 at 07:51 PM

EB

“ Mrs. Rose will always hold a special place in my heart. What a sweet soul she was. She and her witty sense of humor will be greatly missed at the Chateau. Rick and the family became special to us as well.
Erin Brothers



Erin Brothers - July 21, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rose Marie Laurentius.



July 21, 2025 at 05:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rose Marie Laurentius.

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