



Rosemary Robert

June 30, 1926 - December 24, 2025

Rosemary Leona Robert, a beloved nurse, devoted parishioner, and lifelong card player who brightened the lives of everyone she met, passed away Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at Chateau Girardeau. She was 99.

Rosemary was born June 30, 1926, in Cape Girardeau to Mary and Ferdinand (Fred) Schaefer. She earned her nursing degree from DePaul Hospital in St. Louis in 1944 as part of the Army Nurse Corps during World War II. After graduation she returned to Cape Girardeau and joined St. Francis Hospital, where she devoted more than 40 years to the operating room as a skilled and steady surgical nurse - a career marked by quiet competence, compassion, and the trust of generations of patients and colleagues.

On June 1, 1957, she married Marvin (Burr) Robert at St. Mary's Cathedral. Rosemary made her home and raised her family in Cape Girardeau, and in her married and retirement years she was an active member of Old St. Vincent's Parish. There she volunteered widely, especially with the women's auxiliary and the parish food bank, serving neighbors with the same care she brought to her nursing work. She also returned to St. Francis Hospital as a volunteer in many areas, including the gift shop and the surgical waiting room, continuing to offer comfort and a friendly face to patients and families.

Rosemary's great love was bridge. She took up the game at 24 and kept playing with gusto into her final months - still shuffling cards and enjoying company this summer in her assisted living community. Bridge, volunteerism, and parish life were where her laughter, quick wit, and steady friendship

shone brightest.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Claire (Robert) Archer of Lees Summit / Kansas City, Missouri; nephews Larry (Ellen) Seyer, Tom Seyer, Richard (Debbie) Seyer, Bill (Bev) Seyer, Gary (Nancy) Seyer, Gerald (Lori) Seyer, Mike (Cindy) Seyer, Steve (Carol) Schwab, and Steve (Mary) Robert; and nieces Mary Vomund, Kathy Mayfield, and Pat (Mike) Reed, along with many great nieces and nephews who carry forward her stories and her smile. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Marvin, and her sisters, Virginia Schwab and Dorothy Seyer.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 31, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Old St. Vincent's Church in Cape Girardeau.

A Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Patrick Nwokoye officiating.

Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions in Rosemary's honor may be made to Old St. Vincent's Church.

Rosemary lived a long life of service, steady friendship, and joyful play. She leaves behind warm memories, a community she loved, and the kind of practical kindness that quietly changed people's lives. Her cards will be missed at the table, and her example of care will continue in everyone she helped.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the nursing and support staff at Mercy Hospice and Chateau Memory Care for their compassionate care of Rosemary.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be offered at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **31**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Old St. Vincent's Catholic Church
C/O St. Mary Cathedral
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Funeral Mass

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GA

“ *Mary Claire, We will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Your mom was an amazing lady and will be greatly missed.* ”



Gail Auer - January 03 at 08:16 AM

DW

“ *Mary Clare, I am so sorry for the loss of your dear mother. She was such an amazing woman who lived a rich and rewarding life. She gifted the world with a caring and exceptional daughter and gave so much joy to so many. My sympathy to you and your family. Debby Wiese* ”



Deborah wiese - December 30, 2025 at 02:34 PM

RN

“ *I'm so sorry. I will long remember our getting together for lunch and later coffee with Rosemary at her apartment. We first met at PEO and bonded quickly. She was a dear person and will always have a special place my heart. I'm unable to get out (oxygen 24/7) but will be with you in spirit. You have my sincerest sympathy. Ruth Needle* ”

Ruth Needle - December 30, 2025 at 11:56 AM

TI

“ i'm so sorry to hear about Rosemary's passing, She was one of the most fun people to be with. We worked together, played bridge together and shared great conversations over coffee. I wish I could come to the service but now live in St. Louis and don't drive that far. My sympathy to the family

Thelma R Irwin - December 30, 2025 at 11:37 AM

ME

“ Mary Claire, I am so sorry for your loss. She must have been a wonderful woman indeed to raise such an amazing daughter. Many prayers for her and your whole family.



Michelle Evans - December 30, 2025 at 10:17 AM

MW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rosemary's death. What a wonderful & kind Lady. She has been a great friend of mine since 1992. She will be missed. I pray that God blesses & helps all of the family through this sad time. 🙏🙏❤️

A grateful friend & Mary Kay Consultant.
Margaret Wissmann

Margaret Wissmann - December 29, 2025 at 06:13 PM

MB

“ Marcia (Welker) Bliss lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Robert



Marcia (Welker) Bliss - December 27, 2025 at 01:00 PM

MB

My mom was a nurse at St. Francis and good friends with Rosemary. Her daughter, Mary Claire, and I played with their neighborhood kids when our Moms visited each other. Rosemary was such a sweet lady.

Marcia (Welker) Bliss - December 27, 2025 at 01:04 PM



Rosemary and I were PEO Sisters in Chapter BI For man years. She was such a warm and caring person. I enjoyed connecting with her when she came to the Chateau also. She would join our Bible Study from time to time and also our Sunday services. I am so fortunate to have known her. Her love will continue to grow as the people whose lives she touched grow. Adelaide Parsons

Adelaide Parsons - December 27, 2025 at 03:56 PM

MH

Rosemary was my neighbor here at Hunting House since my move here in 2002. She lived above me and we would always share food with one another and share stories of our many daily outings. I loved hearing her nursing stories and compare them with the nursing stories of my mother. She has certainly led an amazing life and deserves being celebrated. Mary Ann Haynes

Mary Ann Haynes - December 27, 2025 at 05:52 PM

MS

My mother worked with her at St Francis. She always talked so highly about her, happy to say she was my Mother's friend !

Mary Halter/ Schwepker - December 28, 2025 at 03:22 PM

RF

“ *Rachelle Kamper & Family lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Robert*



Rachelle Kamper & family - December 26, 2025 at 10:02 PM

SH

“ *Stuart Hoeller lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Robert*



Stuart Hoeller - December 26, 2025 at 05:47 PM

SH

“ *My Brother and I grew up next door on Briarwood Drive to Rosemary, Burr and Mary Claire. They were Fantastic Neighbors! Rosemary would also babysit at times my Mother was working. GOD Bless you Rosemary! You will be Greatly Missed!*

Stuart Hoeller - December 26, 2025 at 05:47 PM