



Ruth Campbell Evans

April 23, 2014

Ruth Campbell Evans, 94, of Cape Girardeau, MO died Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at The Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, MO. She was born April 17, 1920 in Cape Girardeau, MO to William Henry and Anna Katherine Campbell. She and William James Evans were married April 14, 1947 at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He preceded her in death on November 26, 1995. She was a lifelong member of St. Mary Cathedral Parish in Cape Girardeau and graduated from St. Mary Grade and High Schools (now Notre Dame). She received a Bachelor Degree in Education from Southeast Missouri State University in 1942 and a degree in Occupational Therapy from Washington University in St. Louis in 1945. Survivors include : Son - William Henry Evans, Bowling Green, MO Son - Michael (Diana) James Evans, Saint Louis, MO 4 grandchildren, James and Stephen Evans and Elizabeth (Chris) Knecht of St. Louis, MO and Jamie (Mark) Palmer of Benton, MO 4 great grandsons, Alex, Cameron, and Logan Knecht, and Nathan Palmer. Sister-in-law, Elizabeth Jurjevich of Chicago, IL Special Nieces, Mary (John) Keilbach of Pueblo, CO, Janet (Terry) Dame of Sikeston, MO Also other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers Arthur Petry and his wife, Loretta and Manuel Campbell and his wife, Lucille. Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, April 28, 2014 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau and again on Tuesday, April 29 from 4:00PM to 8:00PM at the funeral home with parish prayers on Tuesday at 7:00PM. A Memorial Mass will be Wednesday April 30 at 10:00AM at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape

Girardeau with the Rev. Tom Kiefer officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau. Memorials are requested to St. Mary Cathedral School. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com. Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DN

“ I would like to say to Ruth's family and loved ones- how special she was to me. When I first came to St. Marys in 2007, she invited me to join her, Berneal and Virginia to breakfast at Bob Evans. We went every morning after Sunday Am Mass. What a great time we had. Ruth was always thinking of others- sending cards if someone was sick and always providing rides if someone needed one. The kids at St. Mary's loved her so much. She was a true friend to all and she taught me so much by the way she lived her life and I thank the Lord that He made her part of mine!

Dee Narmore - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

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NM

“ Jodie and I have so many treasured memories! We send prayers and love to Ruth's precious family, feeling always blessed to be "family by choice" friends. My unplanned visit to see Ruth reinforced all the love she exemplified. I cherish that bit of time near the end of her earthly life, reconnecting with her family, and feeling the love and kindnesses always at the core of her being. I smile to think of Ruth and Jim together again.

Nancy Mills - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ My deepest sympathy to the Evan's family. Ever since I was a young girl, I knew Ruth and her friend, Charlotte McCrate. Both were good friends of my cousin Mary Kerns Sponsler. I also remember when her husband, Jim, worked in my uncle Frank Finney's drugstore at 709 Broadway. Ruth was a special lady and always a joy to be around. I hope the following thought will be of comfort. "Death is not extinguishing the light. It is turning out the lamp because the dawn has come." By Tagori, a Bengali poet.

Mrs. Sue Vogelsanger - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Aunt Ruth. Always beautiful with a kind heart. A lady who always lived her life with class. On the personal level, she taught me to knit at age 11. I think of her every time I work on a knitting project! My love to all of the family. With deep regret, I will not be able to be with you on Wednesday. Love,
Judy

Judy Heidlage - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *My dear Aunt Ruth, you were an inspiration in the way you lived your life and an inspiration in the way you faced your death. I shall greatly miss you but I know you are where you want to be. Love, Janet*

Janet Campbell Dame - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *You will be greatly missed, Mrs. Evans but never forgotten. You embraced the students of St. Mary's School. You practiced with every child in their Mass leadership of scripture, psalms, and prayer. You have guided them well and made their voices strong.*

Roger, Cathy, Olivia & Carissa Schloss - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Thank you Ruth's family for always sharing her with ours.*

The Seesings ~ Chip, David, Gary, Jean, Mark, Bett - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM