



Ruth Catherine Illers

July 7, 1926 - March 9, 2018

Ruth Illers, 91, of Jackson, Missouri passed away Friday, March 9, 2018 at her home.

She was born July 7, 1926 in Flat River, Missouri to Walter and Mae Fikuart Keisker.

Ruth graduated from Jackson High School in 1944. She and Lynn Illers were married April 4, 1946. He preceded her in death on November 10, 1976.

Survivors include her four children, Mike (Tricia) Illers of Tallahassee, Florida, Mack (Doris) Illers of Jackson, Missouri, Marty Illers of Yonkers, New York; and Lynda (Ricky) King of Jackson, Missouri. Surviving grandchildren include Brett (Sabrina) Illers of Pleasanton California, Ashley (Troy) Engler of Auburn Kentucky, Susan (Dennis) KostECKI of St. Louis, Missouri, Ashley (T.J.) Humphrey of Nashotah Wisconsin, Ethan Illers and Tate Illers of Yonkers, New York, Erika (Kevin) Hann of St. Louis, Missouri, Deidre (Jim) Lutkewitte of St. Louis, Missouri and eleven great grandchildren . Also surviving one sister, Virginia Goodwin of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, nephew Mark (Crystal) Goodwin of Jackson, Missouri, nieces, Debbie Patterson of Blytheville, Arkansas and Nancy (Earl) White of Neosha, Missouri. Seven great nieces and nephews

She was a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church and sang in its adult choir. Since she was president of her Jackson High School Class of 1944, she was instrumental in arranging class reunions over the years including the last one at her home in 2004. She was a longtime employee of Aging Matters in Cape Girardeau, serving as Administrative Secretary to its Board of Directors and Staff. For a number of years she played ragtime piano at a number of venues in the area. She was a Master Gardener who loved gardening and caring for the many flowers around her home. She was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, her Dad having taught her well. She traveled extensively and loved to do scrapbooking and needlework for the family and entertaining family and friends in her home.

Visitation will be from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial service will be at at 11:00 AM Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. John Dehne officiating.

Per her wishes her body was gifted to Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis for research.

Memorial contributions may be given to St, Andrew Lutheran Church Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 and Mac's Missions Stray Rescue P.O.Box 44, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
804 N. Cape Rock Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Memorial Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Linda, Mack and families, so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a great woman. Know I am praying for all of you. I remember we'll seeing her working in her flowers as we would pass her home on Hwy 25 - always a beautiful variety. Be gentle with your heart as it has a big hole in it. Peace. Sr. Dory. (Doris Obermann)

Sr Dory Obermann - March 12, 2018 at 10:46 AM