



## Ruth Lee George

July 4, 2014

Ruth Lee George, age 77, beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend, was welcomed into the arms of her Savior, Jesus Christ, on July 4, 2014. Ruth was born on October 9, 1936, to Woodrow Wilson and Norma Eastwood Snider in Puxico, Missouri. She attended elementary school and high school in Puxico. While in high school, she followed the basketball and volleyball teams of the 1950s, and was a cheerleader for the basketball team. She was also known for her beautiful soprano voice and was a member of the Glee Club where she was a featured soloist. Ruth was recognized multiple times for her vocal talents, winning the right to go to the State Music Competitions for all four years of high school where she and the ensembles in which she participated received highest honors. Ruth attended college at Southeast Missouri State College where she double-majored in music and business. Upon her graduation 1958, she worked first at St. Mary High School in St. Mary, Missouri, then Puxico Public Schools where she served as both the music and the business teacher. She completed her Master's of Arts in Guidance and Counseling in 1973. She served Puxico High school for over 10 years as the guidance counselor. Ruth taught countless students how to square dance as she, herself, was an accomplished square dancer who loved to dance at the Puxico Homecoming. Ruth was most proud of the fact that she assisted multiple students in obtaining scholarships to college or vocational schools where they could further their own education. Ruth retired from teaching in 1991. Ruth was married to Vernon Leroy "Bud" Brockmeier on April 3, 1960.

He preceded her in death in 1969. She then married Robert Wilburn "Bob" George in November 11, 1978. Ruth urged both her husbands to obtain their lives' ambitions, first encouraging Bud to complete his teaching degree, then encouraging Bob to complete his degree as a medical doctor. While living in Puxico, Ruth was a member of the Puxico United Methodist Church where she served as a musician and the director of the choir for over 50 years. She was also the president of the Puxico United Methodist Women, devoted Sunday School teacher, and organizer of many Vacation Bible Schools. After moving to Cape Girardeau in 1996, Ruth attended RCIA and became a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. She served as secretary, then president of the Catholic Women's Council. Ruth is survived by her husband, Bob, of the home; three children: Ruth Ann (Kevin) Brockmeier Orr of Cape Girardeau, MO; John (Cyndi) Brockmeier of Arnold, MO; and Mari George McKnight of Atlanta, GA; six grandchildren: Heath Orr, Meghan (Cory) Orr Anderson, and Elizabeth Orr of Cape Girardeau, MO; Trey Brockmeier of Springfield, MO; Katie Brockmeier of Arnold, MO; and Savannah McKnight of Atlanta, GA; and one great-grandson, Aiden Galloway Anderson of Cape Girardeau, MO. She is also survived by three sisters-in-law and numerous nephews, nieces, and grand-nephews and -nieces who she considered to be equal to sisters and children of her own. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, sister Jo Ann Snider Shelton, and brothers Fred Louis Snider and Woodrow Wilson Snider, Jr. She was a member of the Missouri State Teachers' Association, the St. Vincent's Catholic Women's Council, the Puhicah Club, and the Women's Auxiliary of the Puxico Veteran's of Foreign War. She was honored by both the Puxico R-8 School District and the Southeast Missouri State Teachers' Association as an Educator of the Year. She was also honored by the Puxico First United Methodist Church upon completing her 50th year as pianist and choir director of the church. Ruth was an obedient and devoted follower of her Lord, Jesus Christ, and is remembered by those who knew her as a strong prayer warrior. She unselfishly shared her musical talents with those in the community of Puxico if

asked. Through example, she led her family members to receive Christ and encouraged them to become active members of their own church families in their chosen communities. There is no doubt by those who knew Ruth, upon her passing to her new life, she was warmly embraced by the family she so dearly loved and immediately heard the words she longed to hear, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Visitation will be from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, July 7, 2014 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel with parish prayers at 7:00 PM. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. David Hulshof and Rev. Oscar Lukefahr officiating. Burial will be at Puxico City Cemetery in Puxico, Mo. Memorial contributions may be given to Feed My Starving Children, 401 93rd Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr. George: May your many cherished memories bring you peace and comfort through the days that are ahead.*

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**Ron Doughty** - July 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mrs. George you were a very good teacher, leader and friend to all of your students. I know we will meet again someday. I can see you playing that piano in heaven. May you rest in peace.*

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**Belinda Foster DeLay** - June 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *A truly amazing woman with so many talents and a wonderful sense of humor. Ruth Lee was a great friend to me and my family for many years. I hold those memories in my heart with love. Mike Smith*

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**MICHAEL MCGHEE SMITH** - June 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *YOUR KINDNESS AND LOVE WILL BE WITH US ALWAYS.*

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**Steve Cookson** - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Robert and family, I know Ruth Lee, has joined Betty, in Heaven, and is now with their Savior Jesus Christ. I will keep you in my Daily prayers. With Love Donald*

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**Donald Denny** - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Ruth---A treasure to us in life, a treasure added to His Kingdom.*

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**Harlan** - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM