



Ruth Josephine Monaco

September 19, 1942 - April 12, 2026

Ruth Josephine Monaco, 83, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Sunday, April 12, 2026 at her home.

She was born September 19, 1942 in Chisholm, Minnesota to Joseph and Frances Stepic Hren. She lived the majority of her adult life in the city of Chicago, IL.

She and Antonio Monaco were married in 1973 at Chisholm, Minnesota. He preceded her in death on February 11, 2024.

Ruth received a nursing degree from The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota and a masters degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago, Illinois. She was a registered nurse for many years and served as a consultant for hospitals.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau.

Ruth is survived by a daughter, Gina (Matthew Ripsch) Monaco of Cape Girardeau; and has a grandchild on the way.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Joseph; and two sisters, Frances and Patricia.

She was a beloved mother, wife, sister, and daughter who brought joy and calm to all those around her.

Visitation will be from 9:00 to 10:00 am on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Mass will follow at 10:00 am Saturday at the church with the Rev. Rick Jones officiating.

Entombment will be at Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery in Hillside, Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association (<https://www.alz.org/?form=FUNDHYMMBXU>).

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery

1400 S. Wolf Road
Hillside, IL 60162

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Mass

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