



## Ruth Stephens

October 2, 1941 - November 10, 2024

Ruth Ann Stephens, 83, of , Cape Girardeau, died Sunday, November 10, 2024 peacefully at the Chateau Girardeau.

She was born October 2, 1941 in Cape County to Samuel Hargraves and Helen Melba (McClard) Hargraves.

She and James Stephens were married at April 7, 1959.

Ruth spent 17 years working for Drury Hotels and more specifically, the Pear Tree Inn. She loved her family deeply and maybe even more so, Ruth loved her companion Buddyboy. If you ever drove by her house, chances are, you would see her out in her yard, tending to her lawn and plants. She was affectionately known as the plant lady in her surrounding neighborhood. And when she wasn't enjoying the sunshine outside, she loved crocheting.

Survivors include daughter, Debbie Stephens; three sons, Scott (Beverly) Stephens, Rodney (Patty) Stephens, and Kevin (Angie) Stephens; two brothers, Bill (Jenny) Hargraves, and Jack (Jane) Hargraves; two sisters, Joyce (Lloyd) Nesbit, and Beverly (Gary) Bond. Ruth also leaves behind nine grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James R Stephens; son,

Mike Stephens; sister, Beverly Bond; sister-in-law, Jenny Hargraves; two brothers-in-law, Gary Bond and Loyd Nesbit.

Visitation will be 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn in Cape.

Funeral Service will be at 1:00 pm Thursday, November 14, 2024 at the funeral home, with Brother Jack Hargraves officiating.

Burial will be at Fairmont Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Ford and Sons Funeral Home on behalf of the family to lessen their burden.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Fairmont Cemetery

835 Caruthers  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Trent, Angie, Oliver, Andie, Virginia, and Randy purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ruth Stephens.



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**Trent, Angie, Oliver, Andie, Virginia, and Randy** - November 13, 2024 at 02:18 PM

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“ Trent, Angie, Oliver, Andie, Virginia, and Randy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruth Stephens.

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