



Shirlene Riley

December 11, 1928 - March 20, 2021

Shirley Shirlene Ellis Riley, 92, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, passed away Saturday, March, 20, 2021 at her home.

She was born December 11, 1928 in Sikeston, Missouri to Oren Otho and Rosa Mae Simmons Ellis.

She and Marshall F. Riley were married August 24, 1946 in Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death Sep. 23, 2010.

Shirley lived her early years in Oreo, Missouri and later moved to Cape Girardeau where she grew up and lived for over 75 years.

Shirley worked for International and Florsheim Shoe Company for over 42 years. She was a member of Bethany Baptist Church, a member of the Joy Club and the Women's Mission Union at the church. She was a former member of the Gideon Bible Auxiliary.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Ray (Marty) Riley Sr. of Cape Girardeau, MO, David Eugene (girlfriend Diane Jackson) Riley Sr. of Cape Girardeau, MO; step-daughter-in-law, Karen Riley of Cape Girardeau; three brothers, Elwood "Bud" (LaVerne) Ellis of Jackson, MO, Gene Ellis of Casey, IL, Oren (Karen) Ellis Jr. of Perryville, MO; two Sisters, Shirley Ellis of Cape Girardeau,

MO, Judy (Homer) Davis of Louisville, KY; ten grandchildren, Shawn (Mindy) Riley, Donald Riley, Jr., Jeff (Amy) Riley, Sarah (Eli) Flowers, Anthony (Chelsea) Riley, David (Tammy) Riley Jr., Adam (Paige) Riley, Nick Riley, Kathy Jobe, Tina Brown; 15 Great-Grandchildren; 4 Great, Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husband, Marshall F. Riley; father, Oren Otho Ellis; mother, Rosa Mae Ellis; step-son, Marshall Dean Riley; brother, Harold Ellis; 2 sisters-in-law.

Friends may call 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will be at 1:30 pm Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel with the Rev. Donny Ford and Dr. Shawn Wasson officiating.

Burial will be at Lorimier Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri 9370 Olive Blvd., St. Louis, MO, 63132-3214.

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

Ford and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Lorimier Cemetery

835 Caruthers
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAR **24**. 1:30 PM.

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ You never forget the special friends you had during your growing up years! The Ellis family contributed so much to my life during the 50’s. Shirlene was always so kind and sweet! She sat behind me in church a lot & we often had the nicest chats. All the Ellis children were so blessed, with wonderful Christian parents who were mentors to me.

To my dear friend Shirley, and all the family, I am so sorry for your loss. I love you & pray God surrounds each of you with His Love & Comfort! 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏

Lusella McClard Jones - March 28, 2021 at 02:48 AM

RB

“ Mrs. Riley was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. She was also an inspiration to me. She was always positive. It was always a pleasure to have a conversation over the backyard fence. She will be missed by all of us in the neighborhood. RIP Mrs. Riley, Rick Brindell

Rick Brindell - March 25, 2021 at 07:14 PM

DH

“ Dave, Don and families. Your mom (and dad) was very special to me. She was a super sweet woman. Do you remember when the Beatles were going to be on the Ed Sullivan show for the 1st time? Of course it was a Sunday night and our Training Union group met at the parsonage. So your mom and dad let us watch it! Many memories of them both, going back many may years. Sorry I can't be there. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Askew Harris

Debbie Askew Harris - March 23, 2021 at 08:22 PM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Allison Riley - March 23, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shirlene Riley.



March 23, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirlene Riley.



March 22, 2021 at 01:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Shirlene Riley.



March 22, 2021 at 12:42 PM