



Shirley Lavonne Ates

July 21, 2012

Shirley Lavonne Ates, 76, of Cape Girardeau died Saturday, July 21, 2012, at Saint Francis Medical Center. She was born Feb. 22, 1936, in Cape Girardeau to Edward Franklin and Erna Amanda Sander Spalding. Shirley graduated from Cape Girardeau Central High School in 1953. She married Charles "Sonny" Estes on July 26, 1953. He died June 18, 1984. She and Marvin E. Ates were married July 30, 1988, at Cape Girardeau. Shirley retired from Southeast Hospital. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau and a lifelong member of the VFW Post 3838 Auxiliary and the Eagles Auxiliary, both in Cape Girardeau, and the American Legion Post 158 Auxiliary in Jackson. Survivors include her husband, Marvin E. Ates of Cape Girardeau; brother, Edward "Bud" (Patricia) Spalding of Cape Girardeau; sisters, Phyllis (Gene) Maevers and Kay (Kenneth "Butch") Maevers, all of Cape Girardeau; stepsons, Marvin E. Ates Jr. and Tim E. Ates, both of St. Louis; a stepdaughter, Bonnie M. Ates of Tybee Island, Ga.; two step-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband; infant sister, Carolyn Ruth Spalding; and sisters, Nora Lee Seabaugh and Ruby Marie Leach. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday July 23, 2012 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Chapel. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday July 24, 2012 at the funeral home, with the Rev. Douglas C. Breite officiating. Burial will be at Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's

Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Shirley was on of my first cousins and will be deeply missed. My prayers are with the family. May she rest in peace in God's heavenly home. Dennis Mills

Dennis Mills - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ So sorry for you loss. prayers for your comfort.

marlene golden - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ My sympathy and prayers go out to all of Shirley's family. She was a friend in Trinity Lutheran School. We sat beside each other in the eighth grade. I lost track of her after high school.

Don Popp - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

G'

“ shirley was one great gal and even better classmate, my prayers and thoughts from memphis gary

gary d. tomlinson '53 - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Shirley will be deeply missed. She was always happy and smiling no matter the situation. To Bud, Kay, and Phyllis - our love and prayers go out to you in this time of great loss. Shirley and Ruby were there for Debra through all her "rites of passage." They were important women in her life and had a huge impact on who she is today. All our love, Debra and Chuck

Debra Mills and Chuck Berg - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM