



Stella Alene Matthews

November 22, 1930 - March 21, 2020

Alene Matthews, 89, of Cape Girardeau peacefully passed away Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the Chateau Girardeau Skilled Nursing Facility.

Alene was born November 22, 1930, on the family farm near Bloomfield, the second daughter of Herbert and Joyce McClard Shipman.

She married Bob Matthews on March 27, 1948 in Bloomfield, MO.

She is survived by her daughter Judith Ann (John) Gallagher of Fort Worth, TX, her son Robert L. Matthews (Diane Tjomsland) of Bow, WA; two grandchildren, Catherine Ann (Paul) Carter; and John Delaney (Leslie) Gallagher; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Nadine McConnell, seven nieces and nine nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Bob, her parents, two sisters, Marjorie Clay and Caroline Van Deven, and one brother, Lee Shipman.

She worked as an instructional assistant for the Sikeston Public School District for several years. But the work she cherished most was as a loving wife and mother!

She was a member of Centenary Methodist Church and volunteered for numerous church and community events.

Alene was very proud of her volunteer service at Southeast Hospital accumulating more than 10,500 hours over a period of 24 years.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family requests that any donations be made to Southeast Hospice in her name or to a charity of their choice.

Online condolences may be shared at info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Alene. She was a cousin and she will be missed. Alene always made the best coconut pies for our Hopkins Reunion luncheons everyone tried to get a piece of it. Please accept my most sincere condolences.



Ruth Ann Jarrell Ricketts - March 24, 2020 at 09:27 AM

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“ I worked and volunteered at southeast hospital and knew Bob and Alene. They were a beautiful couple. Bob would often share stories and Alene would just smile. I am sure she heard the stories frequently. Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of this dear lady.

*Sheila Martin
Medical Staff Services, Southeast Hospital- retired*

sheila martin - March 24, 2020 at 01:28 AM

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So very sorry to hear of Mrs. Matthews passing. Loved running into her and Mr. Matthews occasionally and catching up on their family. Prayers for Robert, Judy and all the family

Denise Stewart - March 28, 2020 at 09:24 PM

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i miss her more everyday, i love you grandmama, i hope you have bouncy balls and biscuits waiting for us

Robin Carter - August 07, 2020 at 12:51 AM

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So sorry to hear about Alene and Bob . They lived on my street in sikeston . Alene was my mom's friend there.

susan northcutt - October 30, 2020 at 10:49 AM