



Theresa Anne Messmer

April 4, 1964 - January 16, 2024

Theresa Anne Messmer, 59, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed away Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

She was born April 4, 1964, in Houma, Louisiana to Anthony and Patricia Grasso.

She and Clark Messmer were married February 5, 1987, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Theresa served in several roles throughout her career including a secretary at St. Joseph Catholic School, a financial clerk at Regional Primary Care, and most prominently an administrative assistant at Southeast Missouri State University where she was soon to retire from."

She enjoyed swimming, being creative with art, spending time outside, but most of all spending time being a grandma.

She was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include husband, Clark Messmer; three daughters, Emily Messmer of Oran, Missouri, Mollie Barnes of St. Louis and Abigail Messmer of the Czech Republic; mother, Patricia Grasso of Cape Girardeau; sister, Elizabeth Grasso of Evansville, Indiana; four grandchildren, Elsie Ann Messmer, James Bradley Barnes, Lydia Mae Barnes and Eliza Marie Barnes.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Visitation will be 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Thursday, January 25, 2024 at Shuck Recital Hall at the SEMO River Campus in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Mass will be 10:00 am Friday, January 26, 2024 at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Allan Saunders officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation 3800 Park Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63110.

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

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

River Campus at Southeast Missouri State University
518 S. Fountain
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Funeral Mass

JAN **26.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral
615 William St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Harold & I want to express how sorry we are for your family's loss. Theresa was someone we knew back when our kids went to school together at St. Joe. I'm sure her girls & grandkids were everything to her and I'm sure there will be memories that she made with them that will last forever. We're so glad we ran into them at an anniversary celebration a couple months ago. Clark, Molly, Abigail & Emily, please accept our sincere condolences

Mary & Harold Cobb & family

Mary Cobb - January 26, 2024 at 01:57 PM

AO

“ You were a cool kid, a good friend, and wise beyond your years in high school. Whenever I see a VW bug and every April 4th, I think of you. Ever since I heard, I've been replaying our good times--Dairy Queen, hanging out at the pool after hours, singing and dancing to all the vinyl at the apartment above the fire alarm store, cruising in that blue station wagon which always needed something fixed, your being responsible when the rest of us were stupid. You worked so hard for what you had.

Pat and Liz--I'm so sorry for your loss. To her girls, Clark, and her grandbabies--she loved you more than you could know! My heart goes out to you. Wishing peace and strength for you during this difficult time.

Angie (Wiles) Onley

Angie Onley - January 25, 2024 at 09:20 PM

EG

Thank you for the sweet memories you shared and your condolences

Elizabeth Grasso - January 27, 2024 at 07:38 PM

TM

Theresa and I were lifeguards at "the bubble." Have many fond memories of her. One of the best friends and people I've ever known. I'm sorry for your loss.

Thom Miller - February 06, 2024 at 08:15 PM

RM

*“ Theresa was my faithful Administrative Assistant for three years at St. Joseph School in Scott City. A faithful friend and hard worker, Theresa will be missed.
Rachelle Metrejon*

Rachelle Metrejon - January 24, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Theresa Anne Messmer.



January 19, 2024 at 02:14 PM