



Velma L. James

April 14, 2013

Velma L. James, 93, of Cape Girardeau, MO died Sunday, April 14, 2013 at The Lutheran Home. She was born November 23, 1919 in Campbell, MO to Andrew J. and Minnie Pearl Williams Harris . She and Allen Elton James were married January 21, 1939 at Campbell, Missouri. He died June 23, 1957. Velma was a honor student in all her educational pursuits and worked in institutions of education for more than fifty years, retiring from Southeast Missouri State University in 1981. She held a lifetime membership in the National Association of Office Personnel, held various offices in the local chapter of Professional Secretaries, was a retired member of Missouri State Teachers Association, and was long time member of the Southeast Hospital Auxillary. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Churches in Cape Girardeau , Campbell and Clarkton, Missouri. Survivors include: Son, Larry O. (Linda) James of Cape Girardeau, MO. Daughter, Lynda F. (Dr. Eddie Blick) Blick of Ruston, LA. Granddaughter, Sandra (Dr. Michael Imburgia) Imburgia of Louisville, KY. Great Grandchildren, Ashley, Michael and Melissa Imburgia Sister, Dorothy Pattengill of Cape Girardeau, MO. She was preceded in death by parents, husband 4 brothers and 5 sisters Visitation will be from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel with the Rev. Mike Shupert officiating. Burial will be at 1:00 PM at Oak Grove Cemetery in Clarkton, Missouri. Family request no flowers and memorial contributions may be given to Your Church or Charity of

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Tribute Wall

VW

“ Aunt Velma was a special lady. She encouraged me during my time as a student at SE MO State and was always interested in following my education and professional life after I left the Cape Girardeau area. She lived a very productive life and leaves a lot of special memories with many people. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as they move through this difficult period.

Vance Harris Watson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Aunt Velma was a special lady. I am sorry I didn't make it to the visitation but I worked too late. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I have some very special memories of her and the rest of the family.

Mary Jean Watson Bolin - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I have such fond memories of Aunt Velma laughing and being fun to be around at family gatherings. Daddy and Aunt Velma enjoyed teasing each other. It was wonderful to see my cousins again!

Judy Harris Saunders - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My brother, Ron Borders, just told me of Aunt Velma's passing. Hope she went on to heaven peacefully. I remember her always being very sweet to me. Wish I had known her better. Her younger sister, Jean was our mother. Take care and keep her memories close to your heart! Sincerely, Debbie

Debbie Borders Chroust - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Aunt Velma's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Linda Harris McRae - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I always enjoyed visits to Aunt Velma's house. Katie remembers playing the piano with Aunt Velma on one of our last visits to her home.

Michael,Christy, Katie, & Michaela Todd - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Aunt Velma had the gift of remembering her childhood very well. I loved listening to her talk about her childhood and always looked forward to Christmas , when she would write a page on her Christmas mornings with her siblings. She could sure share a story. They never got old to me. I also had tuna salad with grapes as a first , at her house. Love it that way to this day. See you in Heaven, Aunt Velma.

Pauline Pikey - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I worked with Velma James for many years next door in Academic when she was Dr. Strand's office assistant. Velma James gave a new meaning to the word "efficient secretary" and she truly earned the title. Her word meant something and her words were true! And she knew how to laugh at herself! She lived her life in excellence!

Jane Cooper Stacy - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Our sympathy goes out to your family at this time of your lose. God bless your family.

Eldon and Bonnie Bethard - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone as special as a mom. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever, and certainly wipe the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful day that will be!

K. Jackson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Aunt Velma was like a second mother to me. She was also my Dorm Mother one summer school at Dearmont Hall. She was so furious when I got 1 late minute on the last night of Summer School. Her brown eyes were snapping that night! She was bright, organized, musical, loved cooking, and had a sense of humor. She played the piano by "ear". She enjoyed playing jokes and she especially enjoyed it when my dad would open the door and yell, "Christmas Gift"! I love you Aunt Velma! You will live on in my memories.

Sandy Pattengill Todd - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Lynda & Larry (Eddie & Linda too)--What a great lady your mother was. We have so many fond memories of Velma as a professional, mother and friend. What a sense of humor! She will be missed by all who knew her. With much love, prayers and respect for you all,
Joan & Wayne

Joan & Wayne McPherson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *The thing I always remember about Aunt Velma is that she loved music and always had fun things to do at her house. I remember going to her house when I was small and going downstairs and listening to records and her playing the piano. She was a great lady!*

Jacquelyn Pikey Till - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *The thing I remember most about Aunt Velma was that she was always singing. I remember we were visiting in her home around Christmas time one year when I was quite young and she was in the kitchen cooking and singing "O Holy Night." I think of her every time I hear that song:) She loved to tease my daddy and I know he had a very special place in his heart for her. I bet they are singing in Heaven today!! Love to you all, Janet*

Janet Harris Kelly - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM