



## Charlene Weller

February 14, 1945 - July 6, 2024

Vera Charlene Weller, 79, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, died on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at 10:55 AM.

A Valentine's baby, she was "born in the holler" in Ross County, Ohio on February 14, 1945, to Raymond and Ruth Taylor. The youngest of seven children who all lived in a two-bedroom log cabin, the family had little money, but their home was filled with love. She often told the stories of how several of the sisters and brothers had to share a single pair of sneakers for their respective gym classes and how her tall, thin, red-headed father walked around on the roof of their home every Christmas Eve as Santa delivering fruit and presents to the delight of his doe-eyed children. While in high school, Charlene fell in love with Larry E. Weller, a local boy with big dreams, and the couple married on April 29, 1962.

Charlene's favorite roles were wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who affectionately called her "Grandma Charlie." Throughout her life, she was a kid at heart and loved, loved, loved her children, playing games, celebrating holidays, reading them stories, watching the "Sound of Music," and singing Doris Day's "Whatever Will Be, Will Be" and "A Bushel and a Peck." She was never happier than cooking large family meals (her deviled eggs made with Miracle Whip were legendary), but she was a light eater, preferring a hot cup of coffee to food.

She also loved animals, particularly her kitty, Zola, her new puppy, Romeo, and all the birds and squirrels and her raccoon, Rocky, and her albino deer, Maggie, who still live in the woods behind her home. Baby elephants were her favorite at the zoo, but it must be noted she was not a fan of snakes. She never played sports, but she loved the Olympics and in her last year of life, she became a fan of Caitlin Clark and women's basketball. Throughout her life, she was a servant to others and would do anything for anyone, often ignoring her own desires and needs. She was very proud of the university scholarship in Larry's and her name, and her favorite charities were SEMO Pets and St. Jude's.

She took great pride at having worked at Procter & Gamble's Cape Girardeau plant for more than 20 years (she was a line safety officer and could drive a mean forklift), and after retirement, she traveled with Larry to antique car shows, airport fly-ins, and auctions (she was a licensed auctioneer). She enjoyed serving as a girl scout leader and classroom helper for her granddaughter. In her spare time, she loved "going to the boat" and playing the slots, watching her favorite actor, Ice-T, in "Law & Order" marathons, and seeing her kid's art and musicals at SEMO's River Campus.

Always humble, she lived a full life and had a positive impact on everyone she knew. Survivors include her three daughters, Rhonda (Kenn) Weller-Stilson of Cape Girardeau, Melanie (Jason) Leonard of Fort Worth, TX, and Laura Weller of Cape Girardeau; three grandchildren, Robbie (Megan) Kerchoff, Lauren (Mike Lawson) Kerchoff, and Emma Weller-Stilson; three great-grandchildren, Rylee and Noah Kerchoff and River Lawson; sisters, Wanda Fox and Chloe Blazer of Dayton, OH; brother-in-law, George Phillip Weller of Washington Courthouse, OH; sister-in-law Louise Weller of St. Louis; a multitude of nieces and nephews; and the scores of people she considered her adopted family. Charlene was preceded in death by her husband, parents,

four brothers and sisters, and her in-laws.

There will be a visitation Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 11 am to noon at Ford and Sons Funeral Home, 1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road in Cape Girardeau. A celebration of life will follow at noon at the funeral home with Pastor Eric McGruder presiding.

The family will have a private committal at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a memorial contribution to the Larry Elmin and Vera Charlene Weller Theatre Scholarship at <https://semo.edu/giving> or give to SEMO Pets at <https://semopets.org/donate>.

The family wishes to thank Mercy Hospice for their love and support over the past several months and to Auburn Creek Assisted Living staff for their kind care.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

JUL **13**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *World's Best Lady AND The Greatest Mom I am So Devastated and I Miss you Mom more than you know can't wait till I see you again I am So Sorry I Love you Mom* 💔😭

**Laura Weller** - October 17, 2024 at 03:08 AM

KV

“ *Kathleen V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlene Weller.*

**Kathleen V.** - July 12, 2024 at 07:33 PM

AC

“ *Amber C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlene Weller.*

**Amber C.** - July 12, 2024 at 11:03 AM

TB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss of Aunt Charlene. She was always so sweet to us kids. We didn't get to see her much since we are in Ohio, but the memories we have are good. She was always so supportive and loving when Mom and Dad passed. Mom (Roberta) loved her baby sister and spoke of her often. We love you and are praying for you all. Tammy (Hakes), Bob and Abigail Boring, Columbus, Ohio.*



**Tammy K Boring** - July 12, 2024 at 10:10 AM

SS

“ SEMO River Campus Faculty & Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlene Weller.

SEMO River Campus Faculty & Staff - July 11, 2024 at 03:45 PM

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“ SEMO River Campus Faculty & Staff purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Charlene Weller.



SEMO River Campus Faculty & Staff - July 11, 2024 at 03:45 PM

CF

“ Chloe and Wanda, and families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charlene Weller.



Chloe and Wanda, and families - July 10, 2024 at 04:29 PM

BN

“ May the Lord be with you to comfort and care for you during this time of loss. Blessings, Brenda



Brenda Newbern - July 10, 2024 at 04:22 PM

DB

“ Deborah B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlene Weller.

Deborah B. - July 10, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charlene Weller.



July 10, 2024 at 09:46 AM

LW

“ World's Perfect Mom a True example of a Valentines day Baby, Valentines Day stands for Love and she was Love

Laura Weller - July 10, 2024 at 12:48 AM