



## Virginia Marie "Ginny" Cates

December 16, 1932 - February 5, 2020

Virginia Marie "Ginny" Cates, 87, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at The Villas of Jackson.

She was born December 16, 1932 in St. Louis, Missouri to William H. and Agnes I. Westbrook Noelken.

She and Richard T. Cates were married January 1, 1956 at Hernando, Mississippi. He preceded her in death on September 8, 2001.

She retired from American Red Cross.

She volunteered for Humane Society of Southeast Missouri and the Salvation Army.

Survivors include her two daughters, Janice L. (James) Heninger of Carterville, Illinois and Judi C. Cates of Cape Girardeau; one son, Phillip A. (Sheila) Cates of Buffalo, Missouri; one brother, Milton E. Noelken of Overland Park, Kansas; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death her parents; husband; one sister, Naomi; one brother, Marvin R. Noelken; and one grandchild.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Service will be at 10:00 am Monday, February 10, 2020 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Edie Bird officiating.

Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Humane Society of Southeast Missouri or Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We all have good friends but in my friend Ginny there was a special gift of total trust. In working together i had a special trust in Ginny's abilities to accomplish her tasks, God be with my special friend, I love her and i will miss her.

*Anns Jean Simmons*

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**Anna J Simmons** - February 10, 2020 at 07:10 AM

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“ Have many great memories of Ginny and Richard Cates. They will always be with me. Was an honor to work with Rich at Del Farm.

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**Frank Sitze** - February 10, 2020 at 12:14 AM

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“ My last visit with mom is a memory I will cherish. I will have her with me always in my heart. Love you mom.



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**Sheila D Cates** - February 07, 2020 at 07:21 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Greg** - February 07, 2020 at 09:21 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Greg** - February 07, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Virginia Marie "Ginny" Cates.



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February 06, 2020 at 01:44 PM

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“ Phillip and Sheila Cates purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Virginia Marie "Ginny" Cates.



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**Phillip and Sheila Cates** - February 06, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ *Great Aunt Ginny had such an open heart and a boisterous laugh. She will be missed. A donation to the Humane Society in her memory.*

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**Courtney Corse** - February 06, 2020 at 08:30 AM