



## Virginia Lee Criddle

May 14, 1924 - November 21, 2015

Virginia Lee Criddle, 91, of Jackson, Missouri, formerly of Cape Girardeau, died Saturday, November 21, 2015 at the Jackson Manor.

She was born May 14, 1924 in Crump, MO to Willard Otis and Hester Whitticre Brown.

She and Everett Eugene Criddle were married May 23, 1948 at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He preceded her in death June 13, 1988.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau. She was a 1942 graduate of Cape Central High School and had worked at the Southeast Missouri Telephone Company, but left that job on maternity leave for her daughter Donna Kay and future son Darrell to become a full time mother.

Virginia was the first Demo Food Lady starting at the A&P grocery store on Spanish St. in the late 1960's and continued that role until 2000. She became a resident at the Monticello House in Jackson July 26, 2003 and was there until Donna moved her to the Jackson Manor on September 10, 2015.

Virginia volunteered for the American Red Cross and was given a special recognition luncheon for her 30 years of service.

Survivors include :

Daughter - Donna Kay McClard, Jackson, MO Brother - Donald W. (Aletha) Brown, Jackson, MO Grandchild - Tara Kay (Cody) Newell-Koehler, Glenallen, MO Grandchild - Shelby Lynn Criddle-York, Sikeston, MO Grandchild - Taylor Lane McClard, Jackson, MO Great Grandchild - Tristan Micheal Newell Great Grandchild - Austin Riley Newell Great Grandchild - Gavin Lee York Pallbearer - Donald Brown Pallbearer - Jim Criddle Pallbearer - Shelby York Pallbearer - Michael Mize Pallbearer - James Bowers Pallbearer - Randy Criddle Honorary Pallbearer - Eric Criddle Honorary Pallbearer - Lane McClard Honorary Pallbearer - Tristan Micheal Newell Honorary Pallbearer - Austin Riley Newell

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and son Darrell, who passed away October 22, 1986.

Visitation will be held from 12noon to 2:00 PM Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday, at the funeral home in Cape Girardeau with Pastor Richard Combs officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, or to the charity of one's choice.

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

NOV **25**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ How sorry I was to ready about Virginia's passing. She was a dear, dear friend of my mother's (Geraldine Starzinger Godwin Kassel) from the time they were operators together when they graduated from high school and they remained lifelong friends. My mother spoke of her so often with such fondness and she provided invaluable support to my mother after the deaths of both her husbands. Heaven will be an even brighter place with the old telephone gang reunited for eternity.

*Sincerely,  
Jane Godwin Moore*

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**Jane Godwin Moore** - December 14, 2015 at 06:10 PM