



Vonna Reynolds

January 1, 2011

Vonna June Reynolds, 61, of Cape Girardeau, died Saturday, January 1, 2011 at Current River Nursing Center in Doniphan, Mo. She was born March 30, 1949 in Manila, Ark. to Troy and Sarah Kathleen Barrett Blackwood. She and Daniel Joseph Reynolds, Sr. were married July 14, 1984 at Cape Girardeau, Mo. Vonna was a graduate of Central High School. She was employed by Magnetic Collectibles, Inc. in Cape Girardeau for nine years before retiring in 1998. She had previously worked for Florsheim Shoe Co. in the old plant on Main St. in Cape Girardeau. Survivors include two sons, Robert (Jeanie) Reynolds of Elizabethtown, Ky., David (Danielle) Reynolds of St. Louis, Mo.; two brothers, Les Blackwood of Cape Girardeau, Lon Blackwood of Columbia, Mo.; two sisters, Betty Saffell of Benton Harbor, Mich., Sue Wittu of Imperial, Mo.; three grandchildren Caleb, Autumn, and Quinn Reynolds. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Jack Blackwood; an infant sister, Naomi Blackwood. There is no visitation. The family will have a private memorial service. Memorial contributions may be given to Humane Society Of Southeast Missouri, 2536 Boutin Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701; American Lung Association, 1118 Hampton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63139; or to the family in care of Ford & Sons Funeral Home, 1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

“ I am writing to express to the family of Vonna Reynolds my feelings in regards to her death. I have known Ms. Reynolds and three of her cats for several years and have had what I would describe as a close and caring relationship with her. We both knew that she did not have much life time left on this earth. We used to talk at least once a week and I would viist her in her home. During that period she struggled with many demons: abandonment by her husband and his family, poor health with the probability that her life would not provide her with the time that she wanted and deserved, and the inability to do what she wanted to do for herself and with others. She was a beautiful woman with sharp intelligence, a quick sense of humor and an amazing generosity. It was my pleasure to spend time with her and my honor to assist her after she became too ill to live outside of a health care environment. She was always a joy. The last time she called me from a nursing home in Cape was to ask me to bring Cokes and popcorn with me when I visited--which I did do. The last time I talked with her was about her cat that I was keeping who had died and about which I had not troubled Vonna. She sounded strong and there was some humor and graciousness. I was planning to visit her where she was as I had in Cape and to bring other of her friends with me. Unfortunately, that was not to happen and I never saw her again. Let me end by saying that Vonna was much loved by me and also by her other friends who attended a group that I maintained at Community Counseling Center. We had so much fun together and we cared for each other and Vonna was a leader of that wonderful combination of women who had seen life's struggle but alos knew how to laugh. To my dear Vonna, I would say that I cared deeply for you and to see you dead would have been hard. Now I can go on with life with a memory of smiles, humor, and laughter as well as love and caring. Vonna Reynolds, many people loved her and we were fortunate to have had the opportunity to be with her for a time in this life. We love you, Vonna Reynolds. From: Oralee Poteet and members of the Women's Group. We shall laugh together again one day...I also offer my admiration to her family whom she loved so much for the fortunate opportunity we all shared in various ways for knowing and

spending time with Vonna. I know that she is in Heaven and probably giving a taste of what she thinks and questions as to why there are no cats in the House of God, and now the home of Vonna Reynolds. Please accept my best wishes and my appreciation for being able to share some time with Vonna and her cats. She was one of a kind and a woman of humor, intelligence, and love. Oralee Poteet

Oralee Poteet - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *heaven received an angel today. love always kara*

kara - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *To family and friends i will miss her dearly.not only was vonna my best friend she and her two sons changed my life for the rest of my life.And my heart aches for the family and those honored to have met and loved her. I will carry in my heart forever. kara*

kara dove - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *To David and Robbie, Lonnie, Sue and Betty. My prayers are with you all. God got another angel. I will miss her always. Blood sisters at 15, friends all our lives. Jackie*

Jackie Altenthal Dodds - March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *Sorry to hear about Vonna.She and I go back to grade school.I lost touch with her when she moved out of the house on Whitner.Please let me know where she is buried. Betty Voelker*

Betty(Welter)Voelker - March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM