



## Wanda Brantley

June 22, 1941 - July 1, 2016

Wanda Brantley, 75, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Friday, July 1, 2016 at Auburn Creek Assisted Living in Cape Girardeau. She was born June 22, 1941 in Sikeston, Missouri to Carroll and Lottie Mae Blankenship Jones. She and Russell Dean Brantley were married August 11, 1959 at Caruthersville, Missouri and lived happily together until Russ died on March 11, 1994.

Wanda devoted her life to caring for her husband, children and grandchildren. Russ' unexpected death left a hole in Wanda's heart that never quite healed. But the last two years of her life were very happy, due in large part to the new friends she found in the wonderful staff and fellow residents at Auburn Creek. These kind, caring and compassionate people brought the smile back to Wanda's face and they were rewarded with the sound of her infectious laugh.

Wanda is survived by her three daughters, Joyce (Mike) Wunderlich, Carol (Kevin) Mize, and Laura (Tedd) Powers, all of Cape Girardeau; two grandchildren, Holly Brantley of Springfield, Missouri and Travis Lee of Cape Girardeau; and siblings Nita Malone of Caruthersville, Carolyn Moody of Cape Girardeau, Elvis Jones of Florence, Alabama, Mary Hicks and Linda Davis of Columbus, Ohio, Johnny Jones of Iuka, Mississippi, Jimmy Jones of Cordova, Tennessee, Janet Jones of Columbus, and Debbie Hood of Hayti, Missouri. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Alan Jones and her best buddy from Auburn Creek, Mary Vowels.

The family will host a celebration of Wanda's life at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be made at [ww.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://ww.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ Dear Carol, Joyce, and Laura,

*We were so sorry to see this notice. We have many good memories of your sweet mother. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Dave and Ann Bragg*

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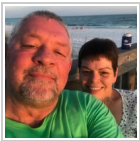
**Ann** - July 11, 2016 at 06:47 PM

BB

“ Got to enjoy Wanda when my sister went to the Doctor in Cape and we met her & her daughters at the mall for lunch back about 10 years ago. This was a lot of fun. She was a sweet person . Mine & Wayne's condolences to all the family. Love to all Aunt Bution

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**bution brantley** - July 05, 2016 at 05:33 PM



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**Mike Wunderlich** - July 03, 2016 at 10:48 AM

JJ

“ To Wanda's daughters and their family: My love to all of you. I guess I thought Wanda would be smiling at me the next time I visit in the Cape area. The last time I saw her she was crying and when we got her to smile we had a very good visit. She leaned over and whispered to me "You're my best friend". Although I have not lived near her for many years it was always nice to see her again. Much love to Wanda and all of you.

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**Juanita Brantley Jansen** - July 03, 2016 at 09:44 AM

JJ

“ Goodbye, Sis. I know you are at peace now. Tell Russell, Lottie, Skeet and Alan we think about them all the time.

*Your brother Jim.*

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**James Earl Jones** - July 03, 2016 at 08:45 AM

CH

“ Sorry for your loss. Praying and sending g love to you all.  
Charlotte Hicks-Guest

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**charlotte** - July 03, 2016 at 07:52 AM

KM

“ Dear Carol  
Dennis and I are so sorry to hear of your mom's passing.  
I know she will be missed by all of you.  
Please let us know if we can help you in any way during this time.  
love Karla and Dennis Mize



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**Karla Mize** - July 03, 2016 at 05:22 AM

KM

*Karla, thank you. I guess Mom knows - we haven't heard from her.  
Love to the family - Kevin.*

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**Kevin Mize** - July 06, 2016 at 07:14 AM

LI

“ *My dear sweet Wanda, whom I always called Wanda Lou, words can't express the gift you gave not just me but so many people. You were my singing buddy. You knew the words to every song. Your smile and laughter brought us so many memories. Apart of our family is gone at Auburn Creek but I know your up in heaven singing and dancing with Mary. I will see you both again one day we will sing again. I love you and your girls always.*

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**Lisa** - July 03, 2016 at 12:26 AM

MA

“ *Miss Wanda what a blessing you were to mom ! You all shared so many meals and evenings watching hallmark movies and Cardinal baseball . You all shared lots of chocolate ice cream and well any sweets you could your hands on . Your friend ship was special in so many ways . I am so blessed to have known you and am so blessed to have gotten to know your amazing family . God knew to bring you two together for each other but also for all of us . Your beautiful smile will always have a piece of my heart . I know you girls are hanging out and having fun with your guys !!!! See you later.. Love you more .....*

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**marsha** - July 02, 2016 at 08:43 PM

SJ

“ My dear sweet Wanda whom I affectionally referred to as "momma", I can't explain the joy you brought to Brittani's and my life. You were truly a funny woman and always had a smile on your face. I was blessed to have you a part of my life these last two years while living at Auburn Creek and so incredibly blessed to care for you in your final days with us. I miss you terribly. Love, Stephanie 🌹



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**Stephanie Johnson** - July 02, 2016 at 08:07 PM