



Wanda Lee Drury

December 17, 1930 - May 2, 2026

It is with deep love and sadness that we announce the passing of Wanda Lee Drury, who was called home to the Lord at the age of 95.

Born December 17, 1930, in Kelso, Missouri, Wanda was the daughter of the late Fred P. and Freda Heisserer Burger. She attended St. Augustine Elementary in Kelso, St. Mary's High School in Cape Girardeau and Southwest Missouri State in Springfield, Missouri.

She was a woman of extraordinary faith, strength, and grace. Her life was a living testament to the Gospel-rooted in love for God, devotion to the Catholic Church, and an unwavering commitment to serving others.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose greatest joy was her family. Her home was always open, her presence constant, and her love unconditional. She took immense pride in her family, supporting each of them wholeheartedly and faithfully throughout their lives. To her family, she was a steady foundation of love, wisdom, and encouragement.

Her faith guided every aspect of her life. She was deeply committed to her parish, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Notre Dame Regional High School, the Catholic Church, and the education of future generations in the faith. She

believed strongly in the importance of a Catholic education and dedicated much of her life to supporting Catholic schools, churches, and faith-based educational initiatives. Her generosity helped provide scholarships, strengthen parish communities, and support the development of facilities that serve both education and worship.

In a quiet and humble way, she also established lasting charitable endowments, including initiatives created in honor of her family, that continue to support evangelical ministries and missionary efforts around the world—helping to send individuals to teach, preach, and share the Gospel across many nations. Though much of her giving was done without recognition, its impact will be felt for generations to come.

Her legacy of generosity, faith, and service extended far beyond what can be fully known. She believed in helping wherever there was need, doing so with humility and love, always pointing back to God as the source of all goodness.

The family would also like to extend heartfelt gratitude to her wonderful caregiver, Bonnie Summers, and to her entire support team, who provided compassionate care during her final years. The comfort they brought to our mother and grandmother will always be deeply appreciated.

She is survived by her loving children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, many dear friends, and all those whose lives were blessed by her presence. She was also a maternal figure to so many beyond her immediate family, offering guidance, care, and support to anyone who needed it.

She will be remembered for her deep faith, her boundless generosity, her devotion to her family, and her lifelong commitment to living out the teachings of Christ.

She is survived by her children, Dan Drury (Melissa Ensor), John (Anita) Drury, Diane Drury-Janet (Rob) and Ken (Robin) Drury; her brother, David Burger; her grandchildren, Jordan (Keasha) Drury, Jamie (Matt) McDowell, Justin (MacKenzie) Drury, Ashley (Adam) Gerry, Dylan (fiancee, Jennifer) Drury, Colton Edwards, Natalee (Blake) Valentine, Lexis Edwards, Morgan (Connor) Thrower, Koby Drury and Kendall Drury; along with many great-grandchildren, step-grandchildren, friends and many relatives.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Donna Kay; a granddaughter, Lacey Edwards; her parents, Fred and Freda Burger; and her brother, Norman (Betty) Burger.

A life so faithfully lived is now rewarded with eternal peace in the presence of the Lord.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." - Matthew 25:23

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 8, at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Friday, May 8, at the church, with the Rev. Rick Jones officiating. Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Lacey Nicole Edwards Foundation for Youth Evangelization in care of St. Vincent de Paul Church or to the Wanda L. Drury Legacy Scholarship in care of Notre Dame Regional High School.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Mass

MAY 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wanda Lee Drury.

May 08 at 09:25 AM



“ Joel & Danette Neikirk purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Wanda Lee Drury.



Joel & Danette Neikirk - May 07 at 02:15 PM



“ Joel & Danette Neikirk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wanda Lee Drury.

Joel & Danette Neikirk - May 07 at 02:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda Lee Drury.



May 07 at 09:29 AM

DC

“ *David and Sarah Shell , and Children purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Wanda Lee Drury.*



David and Sarah Shell , and Children - May 06 at 10:21 PM

DC

“ *David and Sarah Shell , and Children planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wanda Lee Drury.*

David and Sarah Shell , and Children - May 06 at 10:21 PM

BM

“ *Mrs. Wanda Drury was just the perfect Lady. She always made me fell like a million dollars. Her smile, her warm greeting and her generous heart allowed everyone to see the kindest woman that she was.*

She loved her God, the Church, her family and anyone associated with Catholic Education. I will never forget her constant support and kindness to me and Notre Dame Regional HS. Her presnce at games, concerts, plays and visits to the school were very specail, she loved life and wanted everyone to benefit from her generosity. Heaven has gained a Great Lady!!!!

Brother David

Brother David Migliorino - May 06 at 06:29 PM

BW

“ One of the MOST caring and giving individuals I’ve ever met. All my encounters with Ms. Wanda while at ND were joyful. She had the most enduring smile. Her kindness extended to everyone. She was proud of our accomplishments as an advocate for Catholic Education. Knowing her family for generations was my pleasure. Rest peacefully Ms. Wanda in the arms of the Lord. It is well deserved.

Bonnie Westrich - May 06 at 02:35 PM

TF

“ The Wrape family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wanda Lee Drury.



The Wrape family - May 06 at 11:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wanda Lee Drury.



May 06 at 09:40 AM

LR

“ DAN, As I read about your sweet mother’s legacy, I realized you have the same compassion for others. I am sorry for your loss. Always remember the wonderful memories she left for you, Your mom is now enjoying eternal paradise.

Linda Spencer Roberts

Linda Spencer Roberts - May 06 at 03:57 AM

KE

“ A sweet lady in every sense of the word, always ready with a smile. Wanda leaves an enormous legacy of love. May her good deeds accompany her to paradise.

Karla Essner - May 05 at 06:18 PM

CA

“ Cary Allen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wanda Lee Drury.

Cary Allen - May 05 at 03:23 PM

CA

“ Cary Allen purchased the Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set for the family of Wanda Lee Drury.



Cary Allen - May 05 at 03:23 PM

TF

“ *The Rutledge family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Wanda Lee Drury.*



The Rutledge family - May 05 at 02:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda Lee Drury.*



May 05 at 12:34 PM

EA

“ *Dan, John, Diane, Kenny and families you are in our thought and prayers. Our families have so many memories working together at the Holiday Inn and family Christmas parties and just meeting at schools lunch bunch to share what's going on. Your mom was always had a friendly smile and hello when we meet around town. Liz (James) Aufdenberg*

Elizabeth L Aufdenberg - May 05 at 11:56 AM

DE

“ *My father worked for Wanda's father at Burger Hardware in Kelso and I've known her since I was 5 years old. I'll always remember her as a kind, compassionate and generous person who was always ready to help those in need and provide financial support to Notre Dame and St Vincent's any time they asked. She left the world a better place for having been here.*

Danny R Essner - May 05 at 11:02 AM

BW

“ Wanda was always so kind to me whenever our paths crossed. She leaves a legacy of generosity and a wonderful family. Please know that you are in my prayers.

Brad Wittenborn - May 04 at 09:39 PM

TH

“ I will always remember Wanda for her kindness and love for everyone she met. She always had a kind word for all. She will be so greatly missed. Love to all the family❤️🙏. She has left a great legacy!! Love you Miss Wanda!

Terrie Harter - May 04 at 08:25 PM