



## Barbara J. Schmittzehe

October 1, 1940 - February 1, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Barbara J. Schmittzehe

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAPE GIRARDEAU

829 North West End Boulevard, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Barbara J. Schmittzehe, 83, of Cape Girardeau, went to be with Jesus Thursday, February 1, 2024 at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau.

She was born Oct. 1, 1940 in Gordonville to the late Louis A. and Luella P. Winkler Kirn.

Barbara married the love of her life Jerome Schmittzehe on January 12, 1963 at St Mary's Cathedral.

She began her life-long journey of serving and taking care of others at the young age of 13, leaving home to be a live-in babysitter. She went on to work in the dietary department at Old St. Francis Hospital and finished her career at Southeast Hospital for 28 years before retiring. She was a loyal member of St. Mary's Cathedral where she worshiped for 67 years. She was a member of the Parish Council of Catholic Women. Her most cherished and loved role was wife, mom and grandma. Barbara loved cooking, family gatherings and filling

the table for her family especially with German dishes. She welcomed all with open arms. When she was not cooking she would either be outside in her yard or “in her corner” praying. Her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her true enjoyment. Barbara was an amazing, hard-worker, self-less person, putting others feelings and needs ahead of hers. She was a wonderful role model for her family and will be missed more than words can express.

She is survived by her husband, Jerome of Cape Girardeau; three children, Steve (Debbie) Schmittzehe of Cape Girardeau, Thomas (Lisa) Schmittzehe of Patton, Missouri and Kimberly (Matthew) Melton of O’Fallon, Missouri; six grandchildren, Ashley (Don) Perry of Richmond, Virginia, Megan Schmittzehe of Creve Coeur, Missouri, Samuel Schmittzehe of Patton, Missouri, Lydia and Abigail Melton of O’Fallon, and Brian (Kim) Bollinger of Mississippi; five great-grandchildren, Ava and Wyatt Perry, Adyson, Avagayle and Kamdon Bollinger; eight siblings, Jane Kluesner, Richard (Pat) Kirn, Larry (Cathy) Kirn, Evelyn Stovall, Charlene (Marvin) Koop, Geralyn (Brady) Bailey, Donna (Herman) Sadler, Debbie Mirley; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant sister.

Visitation will be Monday, February 5, 2024 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. with Parish Prayers and Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Crain Funeral Home- Cape Girardeau. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary’s Cathedral with Father Alan Saunders officiating.

Burial will follow at St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to St. Mary’s Cathedral.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Funeral Home.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Perry Ave.  
Cape Girardeau, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Cape Girardeau  
829 N. West End Blvd  
(4 blocks north of Southeast Hospital)  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 335-3223  
crain@crainsonline.com

*with Parish Prayers and Rosary at 7:00 PM*

## Funeral Mass

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
615 William Street  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

## Interment

FEB 6. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Cemetery  
Perry Ave.  
Cape Girardeau, MO

# Tribute Wall

KF

“ Keeping Barbara's family in our thoughts and prayers! So sorry for your loss. We were blessed to have had her as our aunt. She was always so nice and sweet. Kelly (Zeller) Freed and Katie (Zeller) Graham- Hilary's stepdaughters. We are having a tree planted in her memory.

Kelly Freed - February 05, 2024 at 12:19 PM

KA

“ Kelly A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara J. Schmittzehe.

Kelly A. - February 05, 2024 at 12:15 PM

JS

“ Steve, Debbie and Family,  
You have our deepest sympathy, and are in our prayers!

Scott and Jeannine Stause



Jeannine Stause - February 05, 2024 at 12:07 PM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss Jerome & family. Barbara was such a sweetheart.

mary schwepker-klipfel - February 03, 2024 at 09:45 AM

VW

“ *Jerome, there are no words I can say to ease your pain. I had the pleasure of working by Barb's side and living by her side. She will be missed.*

*Vivian and Justin White*

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**VIVIAN M WHITE** - February 02, 2024 at 06:07 PM

PS

*Jerome we got acquainted with you at the funeral home and Cape please accept our sincere condolences at the loss of your wife LARRY and Pat Shaffer*

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**pat shaffer** - February 03, 2024 at 11:45 AM