



Brenda D. Bryant Kasten

April 27, 1952 - June 29, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

Brenda D. Bryant Kasten

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAPE GIRARDEAU

829 North West End Boulevard, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Brenda D. Bryant Kasten, 74, of Cape Girardeau peacefully passed away June 29, 2026 in Cape Girardeau, MO after a long battle with complications from diabetes.

She was born April 27, 1952, in Cape Girardeau, MO, to Jewell W. and Lila L. Bryant. She lived in Zalma, MO until the family moved to Cape Girardeau, MO in 1970.

Brenda and Robert Kasten were married June 8, 1974, in Cape Girardeau. Brenda was of the Lutheran faith and enjoyed the music of gospel quartets throughout her life. Brenda attended Zalma Elementary School and graduated from Zalma High School in 1970 as valedictorian. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Southeast Missouri State University

majoring in mathematics and she also received a Master's degree from that institution at a later date. She enjoyed photography, crochet, sewing, and working crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and online games. She also enjoyed solving complex math problems. She won many ribbons from the SEMO District Fair for her crochet and crafts.

For many years she taught math at several locations including Southeast Missouri State University and various high schools in the area. She operated her own small retail business in downtown Cape where she sold some of the handmade tablecloths, doilies and other handmade items that she created. She often sold to passengers of the riverboats that visited Cape.

Survivors include her friend David Chapman of Cape Girardeau, two sisters, Vicki Ewing of Cape Girardeau and Deborah Weaver of Covington, LA, a son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter. She is also survived by a number of loving nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert on August 12, 2005, and by her parents.

We would like to thank Crown Hospice for their care and concern during this difficult time.

Friends and family graveside services will be held at a later date.

Crain Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.