



Patsy J. "Pat" Ruffin

May 21, 1936 - November 23, 2020

Patsy J. "Pat" Ruffin, age 84, of East Cape Girardeau, passed away at 4:30 pm, Monday, November 23, 2020, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born May 21, 1936 at Jackson, TN, the daughter of Vernon and Ruby Seeley Weir. She was married on June 10, 1958 to Leon Ruffin. He preceded her in death Nov. 25, 1995.

Pat had worked at Siegel-Roberts Plating Co. in St. Louis for 20 years before moving to Horseshoe Lake where she and her husband had owned and operated the Horseshoe Tavern. In 2000 she went to work for Willa Simmons.

Survivors include her son Stan (Bonnie) Harris of Lake of Egypt; 2 daughters, Cathy Gottman of Highland, IL and Vickey (Donnie) Bledsoe of Highland, IL; 5 grandchildren, Jamie (Mike) Thierauf, Carrie (Joe) Burns, Shari (Ryan) Asher, Hanna Bledsoe, and Dawn Lee; great grandchildren, Owen Michael Thierauf, Cameron Thierauf, Kendall Honor Burns, Liam Thomas Asher, Eloise Elizabeth Asher, and Summer Hope Burns; 2 brothers, Jerry (Jane) Weir and Joe Weir all of Jackson, TN; 2 sisters, Mary Lou Warren of Jackson, TN and Linda Goodrum of Hornsby, TN; sister-in-law, Nadine Weir of St. Louis, MO.; several nieces, nephews, and cousins and many friends.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by grandson, Nicholas Scott Bledsoe, brother, Jim Weir, sister-in-law Sheila Curtis, brothers-in-law Clarence Goodrum and Sherman Warren, and special aunt, Nell Dunn.

Funeral services for Patsy J. Ruffin will be at 1:00 P.M., Friday, December 4, 2020 at the Crain Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Cape Girardeau with Rev. Randy Morgan officiating. Interment will follow at Lindsey Cemetery in McClure, Illinois.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until service time at the Funeral Home.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Patsy J. "Pat" Ruffin*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Condolences to family. Good lady. Joe Aden, Mayor, Village of East Cape*

Joe Aden - December 04, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patsy J. "Pat" Ruffin.*



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“ My first Thanksgiving with my now husband, Stan, and his family stands out. I was helping out in the kitchen preparing the meal. Pat, as usual, was cooking enough food to feed an entire army. At one time I told Pat that I'd completed a task and asked what else I could help with. She said that I could make some "creamed potatoes". Well, I'd eaten creamed peas before which were peas in a thick, white cream sauce. I thought to myself I didn't think potatoes with that sauce on them sounded very appetizing and since the creamed peas that I'd eaten in the past were frozen and in a package that you added milk to and heated up I had no idea how to prepare creamed potatoes from scratch so I asked Pat what I needed to do first. She told me to peel some potatoes, cut them up, and put them in a pot of water to boil until they were done. When the potatoes were done, I asked her what the next step was and she told me to drain the potatoes, add some milk and butter, and use a hand mixer to whip them until they weren't lumpy and then they'd be done. I was mortified! Pat just had to explain to her future daughter-in-law how to cook mashed potatoes!!!! I bet she was really feeling sorry for Stan at that moment because I didn't even know how to cook "creamed" (mashed) potatoes. I think back and laugh about it now, but at the time I was extremely embarrassed for appearing so dumb! And Pat overlooked my apparent lack of culinary skills because as far as I know she didn't try to talk Stan out of marrying me! Thank you, Pat, for many years of wonderful memories. Love, Bonnie

Bonnie Harris - November 30, 2020 at 05:07 PM