



Rita Marie Yarborough

October 12, 1926 - December 29, 2014

Rita Marie Yarborough of Cape Girardeau passed away Monday evening, December 29, 2014, at Monticello House in Jackson, Missouri.

She was born on October 12, 1926 in Oran, MO to Leo H. and Clara D. Diebold Compas.

At the age of 16, she moved to California to join the Air Defense and proudly became one of the elite Rosie the Riveters. Due to her tiny size, she was an asset to the smaller cockpit area details.

She met her 1st husband and relocated to Holden, Missouri followed by moves to Minnesota and Las Vegas. Upon retirement she returned to Cape Girardeau. She was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral in Cape Girardeau. She was much loved and admired for her sense of independence and love for her family and friends. She will be sadly missed, but always remembered. Survivors include 3 daughters, Karen Ritch and Judith (Dick) McClard both of Cape Girardeau and Rebecca (Floyd) Dixon of New Concord, Kentucky; 2 grandchildren, Kelly (Lisa) Ritch of Scott City and Jennifer McClard of Cape Girardeau; 1 great granddaughter, Raven Nicole Ritch of Scott City; 1 step grandson, Jason Dixon of New York; 1 step great grandson Titus Dixon of New York; 2 sisters, Clara Cruickshank of Florida and Bernice Glass of St. Louis; 1 brother, Vernon (Elwanda) Compas of Cape Girardeau; 1 sister-in-law, Bonnie Compas of Cape Girardeau and her longtime friend, Marjee Breach of Nevada.

She was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Leo, Elmer and Raymond Compas

all of Cape Girardeau and 2 sisters, Betty Henley of Michigan and Lucille Waters of Massachusetts.

As per her wishes, her body was donated for medical research.

As closure for the family there will be a celebration of life at Cape County Park-South on Sunday, May 31, 2015 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. If you knew this beautiful lady, please come and join us in celebrating her life.

Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Marie Yarborough*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
Sincerely, Tim Domian*

Timothy Domian - January 05, 2015 at 12:43 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies go out to my sisters Karen, Judy, and
Becky. Know you are all in my hearts and in my prayers. May you
find peace and comfort during this very difficult time. I love you all
very very much.
Jacque*

Jacque Kreuzsch - January 04, 2015 at 11:47 PM