



Eleanor Lee Maggard

May 21, 1943 - January 9, 2018

Eleanor Lee (Thomas) Maggard of Salem, Missouri passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the age of 74. She was born on May 21, 1943 in Winchester, Kentucky to the late Marcus "Winfield" Thomas and Dorothy Allen Rupard. Miss Eleanor Thomas was united in marriage to the love of her life Mr. Eugene Maggard on February 18, 1967 in Cantonsville, Maryland and to this union one son was born. Eleanor graduated from Cantonsville High School in 1961. Her college years were spent at Columbia College, University of Missouri and Parsons College. Eleanor was a teacher for 30 plus years and retired from Salem R-80. She was very active in the Dent County Retired Teachers organization serving as their treasurer, and a member of The Parents as Teachers Association. She continued her desire to teach children by volunteering to be an after-school tutor. After their marriage, she became active in the tourism industry and continued to work to help improve tourism in Missouri. Eleanor and Eugene were inducted into the Missouri Division of Tourism Hall of Fame to recognize their contributions. She worked alongside her husband, Eugene, at Akers Ferry Canoe Rental, promoting Akers Ferry on the Current River and tourism. She loved to meet new people and talk to them about the area. Over the years, she held many offices within the tourism industry. She was passionate about preserving the heritage and history of both Dent and Shannon Counties especially the Akers area and the upper Current River for future generations. She also served as Secretary of the Dent County Child Welfare Advisory Board, Salem Hospital Auxiliary and Secretary

of the Missouri Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds, member of the Jacks Fork Watershed, member of the Friends of Mt. Zion, and served on the Travel Council representing the Ozark Heritage District. She was an active member of the Salem Christian Church, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Red Hats Society and thoroughly enjoyed her outings with all of them.

She was an avid collector of dolls and did needlepoint creations. She loved reading. She always enjoyed planning and participating in reunions, family gatherings, holidays and photographing those events. She loved traveling, especially with Eugene, Marcus and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her including her former students. . Eleanor is survived by her husband, Eugene Maggard of the home; son, Marcus Eugene Maggard and wife Cassie of Salem, Missouri; grandchildren, Joshua Cody Maggard, Tyler Eugene Alan Maggard, Marcus George Alexander Maggard, Brandilyn Thomas Maggard, Skilea Jaidyn Prater; great-granddaughter, Alyssa Jane; sister-in-law, Judy (Maggard) Stewart and husband John of Eminence, Missouri; brother-in-law, Dwight Maggard and wife Debbie of Lebanon, Missouri; special nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Winfield and Dorothy Thomas; in-laws, Gaylord "Buck" and Loreen (Purcell) Maggard.and sister-in-law Omaleta Cross. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at the Salem Christian Church of Salem, Missouri with Tim Hill officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held at the James & Gahr Chapel on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 4PM - 8:00PM. Interment will be held in the Akers Cemetery Salem, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to the Dent County Retired Teachers Fund and/or Akers Cemetery Fund. Cards are available at all James & Gahr locations. For online condolences please visit www.jamesgahrmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Akers Cemetery

Shannon County, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem
103 West Center
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-3117
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<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem Christian Church
Salem, MO 65560

Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanor Lee Maggard*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Eleanor Lee Maggard*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Eugene, For the past week or so, something in the back of my mind was telling me to Google your name. I guess God was trying to tell me something. I just did and found out about the death of your dear wife. I am so sorry for your loss. I never had the chance to get to know her very well but, whenever I did see her, she always had that great big smile on her face. She will be missed by all. I may not see you at the sports show this year but, I will try to make it by the store late spring or early summer.*

Joe Tripodi

Joe Tripodi - January 19, 2018 at 01:05 AM



“ *Dave Tobey & Reta, Round Spring purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Eleanor Lee Maggard.*



Dave Tobey & Reta, Round Spring - January 16, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ *My Soul Lives On Blanket* was purchased for the family of Eleanor Lee Maggard.



January 15, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Eleanor Lee Maggard.



January 15, 2018 at 09:33 AM



“ *Region 7 of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel wish to express our sincere condolences at the recent loss of Eleanor Maggard. Please know that we are remembering each of you in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.*

Georgia White; Region 7 MRTA VP - January 14, 2018 at 11:24 PM



“ *We are thinking of Eleanor's family and remembering each of you in our prayers. We had just attended the December meeting of the Dent County Retired Teachers and Public School Personnel and had great conversations with Eleanor. She always had a wonderful smile and a bubbly personality, even when you knew she was hurting. May God bless each one of you with his peace and strength in the difficult days ahead.*

Martin and Georgia White - January 14, 2018 at 11:20 PM

RD

“ Prayers for peace and comfort for Elenor's family.

Rene Mc Daniel - January 14, 2018 at 04:55 PM

TB

“ Tony & Diane Brunovsky purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Eleanor Lee Maggard.



Tony & Diane Brunovsky - January 14, 2018 at 09:45 AM

MZ

“ Molly and Daniel Zeigenbein purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Eleanor Lee Maggard.



Molly and Daniel Zeigenbein - January 13, 2018 at 11:49 AM

JD

“ So sorry for your loss, she was a vivacious and loving lady. I enjoyed her company on several occasions finding we had a lot in common. I know that the void in your life will be huge. Hopefully, you can fill it with gratitude for the joy you shared. Sending sympathy and love for you and your family. Prayers for the strength needed to bear the days ahead.

Blessings,
Joan Dix

joan dix - January 13, 2018 at 10:51 AM

MR

“ *Mary R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Eleanor Lee Maggard.*



Mary R. - January 12, 2018 at 03:45 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Eleanor Lee Maggard.*



January 12, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eleanor Lee Maggard.*



January 12, 2018 at 11:38 AM

RF

“ *Sending our sympathy and praying for comfort, strength, and wisdom for all Eleanor's family and loved ones. Jan and I are thankful to have known her and pray for her family and friends.*

*In Christ,
Rod and Jan Farthing*

Rod Farthing - January 12, 2018 at 10:11 AM