



Verlan & Ann Breuer

January 13, 2018

Five years ago, after a little over 66 years of marriage, Verlan and Ann Breuer of St. James, MO passed away, each surrounded by family and friends. Ann Marie Breuer, 89, died on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018 and Verlan Howard Breuer (Maj USAF, Ret.), 89, followed on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, July 8, 2023 at the First Baptist Church of St. James. A Graveside Service including Military Honors will follow at the St. James Cemetery.

Ann was born in Yoakum, TX in April, 1928 to Edwin Richard and Annie (Guestinger) Vackar. Ann had one sibling, Edward R. Vackar (d. 2018) of Huntington Beach, CA. Ann graduated from Yoakum High School in 1945 and later moved to San Antonio, TX where she worked for the local telephone company as an operator and even did some print modeling of purses and belts for a local leather goods store.

Verlan was born in St. Louis, MO in Sept., 1928 to Otis Floyd Breuer and Thelma Loretta (Swyers) Breuer. Verlan grew up in St. James and graduated from John F. Hodge High School in 1946. Later that year he enlisted as a Private in the United States Army Air Force.

In 1951, while in Officer Candidate School at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX, Verlan met Ann, the love of his life. They dated only a few months before marrying on December 15, 1951. Verlan, who had been doing aircraft maintenance, would go on to become a pilot, serve in the

Korean War and receive many awards and medals over the course of his 20 years of service.

Verlan and Ann raised seven children together. Ann dedicated her life to caring for her family and home. She was also an excellent seamstress and an avid yard sale and thrift store shopper. In her later years she enjoyed volunteering at the Caring Center in St. James.

Verlan was a history buff and was a teacher at heart. He loved talking to people and never met a stranger. He delighted in regaling people with his stories of being a pilot and his time in service.

They both had a lifelong love of music and singing which was passed on to all their children. Ann could even play the harmonica and Verlan could strum a few chords on a guitar.

Longtime members of First Baptist Church, they were both active in the church and choir and Verlan taught Sunday School for many years.

Verlan and Ann were preceded in death by their first child, Phillip, their parents and Verlan's siblings Floyd Breuer and Shirley (Breuer) Smith.

At the time of their deaths, they were survived by their children:

Jeffrey Breuer of Brandywine, MD; Theresa Breuer (d. 2023) of St. James, MO; Lawrence (Sheila) Breuer of Severn, MD; Glynn (Kim) Breuer of Minot, ND; Phyllis Ann "Annie" (David) Wizda (d. 2019) of New York, NY; Gregory Breuer of Fredericktown, MO; Karen (Gerald) Combs of Davis, CA; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Verlan and Ann were kind, funny, loving and generous people loved by so many. They are and will continue to be missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to: St. James Caring Center, 113 West Eldon, St. James, MO.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Previous Events

Service

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
St. James, MO