



Verna M. Wells

July 28, 1937 - August 20, 2020

Verna M. Wells, Age 83 of St. Louis, MO. Wife of the late Ernest Wells, Beloved mother of Joyce Finch, Cynthia Wells and Christie Wells; Dear Grandmother to Jaron Wells and Ashlen Finch; Dear mother-in-law to Harold (the late Joyce N.) Finch.

Verna Mae Wells Obituary.

Verna Mae Wells was born in St Louis, Missouri on July 28, 1937 at Homer G. Phillips Hospital and is the fifth child of Theodore Whitener and Pearl (Gilwater) Whitener. She then had two brothers and two sisters, Howard, Dorothy, Marie and Charles. The Whitener Family was blessed later with three additional daughters, Patsy, Peggy and Charlene. Theodore, Pearl, Howard, Dorothy and Charles have preceded Verna in death. She was baptized Catholic as an infant at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Kinloch, Missouri. She carried her faith and love for Christ Jesus throughout life.

Most of her youth was spent in Kinloch, Missouri where she attended Holy Angels Elementary School. Verna writes in her mini autobiography, "The first twelve years of my life were some of the happiest times. Actually, what some would call 'those happy years,' we called 'the good old days.' We were allowed to be children. We played with lifelong friends. The friends were Mary Frances (Mayes) Clark, Delores (Cothran) Clay, Gerry (Sample) Cook,

Carleen (Farrell) Parker and Claudette (Farrell), Neil, Lester Bryant, Delores, John, Billie and Ernest Simmons, Bobbie Miller and Wendell Allen.”

After graduating from the eighth grade, Verna attended and graduated from Laboure’ High School in 1954. She later met, married and divorced Joseph Kapeamu and from this union Joyce Nanette Kapeamu was born on May 26, 1956. She continued to raise Joyce with support from her loving family. She worked for eight years in alterations at the Ferguson Department Store in Ferguson, Missouri where she became a skilled professional seamstress. In 1964 she married Ernest Leroy Wells and from this union two daughters were born, Cynthia Annette Wells in 1965 and Christie Lynnette Wells in 1966. In 1980 she began to work seasonally as a tax preparer for H&R Block for twenty-four years during when she met many lifelong friends. Other friends who were dear and close to her were Alan Clay husband of Delores (Cothran) Clay, Joe and Lorraine Wells, Walter Petty, Flora and Paul Thornton and a host of many more.

Family and friends were extremely important to Verna. She was always there to lend a helping hand and to offer encouragement. She loved her husband Ernest and their three daughters who she called, “her girls.” She was very proud of her son-in law Harold Finch. She also loved and cherished her three grandchildren who she called, “her precious jewels”: Ashlen Kapeamu Finch, father of her great grandchild Nakhi Finch; Jaron Anthony Wells who is married to Amanda (Kertsten) Wells; and granddaughter, Cali Shawn Wells. The following is captured from Verna’s mini autobiography: “On February 17, 2008, I lost the best friend and husband anyone could ever have. He turned 75 years old that horrible storming early morning...” She later writes, “On December 2, 2015, I lost my beautiful daughter, Joyce...” She concludes with, “Now this is the end of my life’s story. Love you family.” – Verna Mae Wells passed on August 20, 2020.

Thank you to all friends and family consisting of sisters, brothers, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces and cousins for a lifelong of precious memories.

Services will be limited and private.

Cemetery Details

St. Peters Cemetery

2101 Lucas and Hunt Rd
St. Louis, MO 63121

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

RG

“ I extend my deepest sympathies to the entire Wells Family. I am deeply saddened by the news of Mrs. Wells passing. Remembering her wonderful and gentle soul will forever remain in my heart.

I have nothing but fond memories of her and her family. Her door was always open to me. When I returned home from the military, without hesitation she helped me straighten out a difficult tax issue that I simply neglected. Mr. Wells showed me how to tuck and loop my first business tie; a windsor knot. A milestone in the life of any young man.

I am honored and blessed to have known both of them. I pray that God will grant you strength during this most difficult time. My most sincere condolences.

Richard (Rudy) Giles - October 07, 2020 at 06:43 PM

AJ

“ Althea Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Verna M. Wells



Althea Johnson - September 07, 2020 at 08:44 AM

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“ Audrey Spears lit a candle in memory of Verna M. Wells



Audrey Spears - August 28, 2020 at 03:29 PM

CB

“ Aunt Verna you have and will always be my inspiration. You shined like the brightest sun while you were here and I will always love you for that, I will also remember all the memories and good times we shared. My love FOREVER.....My heart felt sympathy goes out to the family and all those who loved you as I did.

Missing you,
Casey Brown III

Casey Brown - August 27, 2020 at 07:57 PM

BB

“ I love you Aunt Verna and I wish we could've spent more time together. R.I.P Aunt Verna. ❤️

Bria Becton - August 27, 2020 at 05:52 PM

WB

“ My sincere condolences to the family. My Aunt Verna and I had soooo many memories. I spent a lot of time with her growing up. From her picking me up from school at Holy Angels, to her making me bologna & cheese sandwiches, and sitting with her in the kitchen while she cooked dinner. I loved spending time with her. I called on her birthday to wish her a Happy Birthday and we talked for a bit and ended with an I love you. I'm going to miss you Aunt Verna ❤️ I love you ❤️

Whitney,

Whitney Brown - August 27, 2020 at 01:54 PM

GB

“ I am so very blessed to have the opportunity to have such an incredible aunt to grace my life. As I grew up, my Aunt Verna's house was the place to be. We had awesome BBQ's, Fish Fry's, crochet games, volleyball games and with all my aunts, uncles and cousins. .Aunt Verna and Uncle Ernest would plan camping trips for our family and we would always have a ball. Aunt Verna could cook and bake which was a great addition to all the fun events she planned at her home. Aunt Verna also kept us children in line. She could discipline by just speaking to us concerning her our mischievous behavior. That was all it took for me to change my behavior because I never wanted to disappoint her. My Aunt Verna, in my heart, is one of the most perfect, strong, and wise women to grace the earth with her love. I am going to miss her so very much. I thank her for being such a great role model for all her nieces especially me. I thank you for all the great family memories and generously sharing so much of her time with all of us.

Gretchen Brown

Gretchen Brown - August 27, 2020 at 01:11 PM