



Mary Ann Stipe

September 28, 1933 - September 12, 2025

Mary Ann Cato Stipe, age 91, of Little Rock, Arkansas, formerly of Forrest City, Arkansas, died Friday, September 12, 2025, at Hospice Home Care of Little Rock.

Mary Ann was born September 28, 1933, in Greenbrier, Arkansas, to C. Jack and Winnie P. Cato and was raised in Hoxie and Walnut Ridge. After first attending Arkansas State College in Jonesboro, she went on to complete a bachelor of science degree in home economics at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. She was teaching home economics at Forrest City Junior High School when she met and eventually married her dear husband, John R. Stipe in 1958. Mary Ann was preceded in death by John in 2018, and also by her parents, and her sister Sue C. Warner of Arkadelphia.

Mary Ann is survived by her brother, Jack Cato of Bismarck, her sister, Jane (Bill) Foster of Hot Springs Village; two sons, Richard (Becca) Stipe of Harrison, and Roger (Kymber) Stipe of Little Rock; four granddaughters, Mary Elisabeth (Jacob) Richerson, Chynna Stipe, Emily Stipe, and Lily Stipe; and five great-grandchildren, Tyler, Callie, Joey, Bonnie and Avery Richerson.

Mary Ann was a woman of tremendous faith, firm convictions, and unwavering commitment to those things she valued above all else in life: her family, her church, and most importantly her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 A.M., Saturday, September 20th at Forrest Park Cemetery in Forrest City. The family requests that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, 507 N. Rosser, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335, or the Scholarship Fund of the East Arkansas Community College Foundation, 1700 Newcastle Road, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 20. 10:30 AM (CT)

Forrest Park
Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, Arkansas 72335

Interment

SEP 20 (CT)

Forrest Park
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Tribute Wall

RF

“ *Ruth Poynor and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Ann Stipe.* ”



Ruth Poynor and family - September 19, 2025 at 12:09 PM

MM

“ *Roger ...please accept my condolences on the loss of your mom..much love to you and your family.* ”



Margo McElroy - September 17, 2025 at 07:46 PM

RJ

“ *Rick and Johanna purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Ann Stipe.* ”



Rick and Johanna - September 17, 2025 at 07:03 PM

OC

“ Mary Ann was the kindest woman and we counted her as a special friend. When John died that Christmas I baked banana nut bread for her. Not knowing it was her favorite she said oh Opal how did you know. I told her I had made several for our widow ladies. She said she ate small portions so she could make it last. She always had a smile for us and we for her. I have missed her when she moved away and know she was a joy to all she met. I will really miss her and pray for Richard and Roger. What a godly sweet lady she was!
Opal and Bobby Chapman

Opal Chapman - September 17, 2025 at 01:45 PM

DO

“ Richard and family, may all your happy memories of your mother give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Danny and Traci Ohler

Danny Ohler - September 17, 2025 at 10:13 AM

PH

“ For Richard and family,

Praying for your family at this difficult time. I know you have a multitude of happy memories to lean on in the journey ahead.
Polly Hodges - Northark

Pollyanna Hodges - September 17, 2025 at 09:39 AM

JP

“ Hello Richard and Becca, please accept our best wishes that you will enjoy peace in good memories. Jim and Lisa Philpot

James Philpot - September 16, 2025 at 08:45 PM

ST

“ *Richard and family, I'm sorry for your loss. Condolences to you all.*
Scott and Kim Tatman

Scott and Kim Tatman - September 16, 2025 at 09:24 AM