



Alice Elizabeth Barnett

July 25, 1934 - October 28, 2025

Alice Elizabeth Barnett, of Bourbonnais, IL, passed away on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at The Grove Assisted Living, Bourbonnais. She was born on July 25, 1934, in Vienna, IL the first-born daughter of Harry T. and Delia (Hudgens) Bridges.

Visitation will be on Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of her 11:30 a.m. funeral service at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, IL. Interment will be held at 1:30 PM at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Uplifted Care, Bourbonnais. This is a joint visitation, funeral service, and interment with her husband, Billy Ray Barnett.

Alice attended schools in southern Illinois and graduated from Goreville Township High School in May of 1952 where she had excelled on the girls' basketball team.

Shortly after high school, Alice moved north to Kankakee, Illinois where she began working at the Kankakee State Hospital (now known as Shapiro Center) and lived in the staff cottages, on grounds, as employees did in those days. Alice worked at the State Hospital until her first son, Michael, was born in 1956 and she stayed at home with her boys, Timothy joined them in 1959, until they were in school. Then she started working as a teacher's aide at both Washington and Taft grade schools in Kankakee. During her children's school years, Alice also was an active parent, volunteering many hours at school as a room mother and a classroom helper. Alice returned to working in the

business office at the State Hospital in 1968 where over the next two decades, she was known for being an honest hard worker with an excellent work ethic. In the early 1990's, Alice transferred from Shapiro Center to the Manteno Illinois Veterans Home business office where she completed her 30+ year career and retired in 1999.

Alice married her sweetheart Bill Ray Barnett, on October 8, 1954, at Trinity Methodist Church in Kankakee, IL. They had just achieved their 71st anniversary on October 8. In later years, as each anniversary arrived, Alice would always claim that it was a long time to be married, and Bill would laughingly agree. Together, Alice and Bill were a team going through life and raising two sons, Michael and Timothy. Their early travels led them to various baseball fields where Bill coached, and the boys played. In later years, they traveled with friends – whether they flew or cruised and enjoyed the many trips they took together. They bowled in mixed doubles bowling leagues at both Dandelles and Gala Lane in the 1960's and 70's. They also played cards together with friends for many years; Alice loved playing 6 handed Euchre and she continued playing until her illness made it impossible.

Alice is survived by her two sons, Michael (Mary) Barnett, and Timothy (Josie) Barnett all of Bourbonnais; three grandchildren, Kevin (Sarah) Barnett of St. Joseph, IL, Gabby (Zach) Hoyle of Eldridge, Iowa, and Olivia (Michael) Clemens of Bourbonnais. Alice was excited to become a great grandmother. She sure loved her first great granddaughter, Aubrielle (lovingly called Sweet Pea by Alice), born this year to Olivia and Michael. And she has another great grandchild, Aubrielle's sister, due in 2026. She is also survived by her brother, Allen (Barbara) Bridges from Arizona, and numerous first cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Bill (passed 10/13/2025); her parents; an infant sibling; her sister, Judith (Bridges) Mitchell; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family of Alice and Bill are grateful to both The Grove Assisted Living and Uplifted Care for their compassion and care over the past few months.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
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Funeral Service

OCT **30**. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BR

“ I'll never forget how excited Mrs. Barnett got when she saw my brothers and me dressed alike on the front sidewalk. We lived two doors to the north. She ran and got a camera and took a picture of us. I remember this well. We were ages 2, 6 and 3 (Brett, Brian and Brad).



Brian Riley - March 01 at 06:56 PM

MD

“ So many happy memories of Bill and Alice!!! Gery and I spent many a shared dinner table.pool time,dominoes game with them!!! Too many trips...cruises...musicals,plays to name....all more enjoyable because of our friendship together!!
Whenever I see a red cardinal it reminds me of Bill...and Alice! Alice created the most beautiful cross-stitch pictures! ❤️❤️🙏🙏🌻🌻
God Bless🙏🙏

Marcia Dubbert - November 03, 2025 at 02:32 PM

JJ

“ You know I can't recall a time in my life growing up when my folks Daniel and I weren't at your house every couple of weeks or your folks weren't over at mom and dad's place so they could play pinochle . I really like going to your place cause you let us play with your old toys and every time they played cards there was pizza from 3 Ks.

John Jones - October 31, 2025 at 09:21 PM

MB

Thanks John.

Michael Barnett - November 01, 2025 at 12:18 PM

JG

“ *It is with profound sadness that my wife Shirley and I learned of my beloved cousin Alice Bridges Barnett after her long battle with infirmity. We extend our condolences to her brother, Allen, and to her children and grandchildren. It may be considered a blessing that she and her husband Bill departed this earth almost together, free at last from infirmity. I had a special relationship with Alice as perhaps the closest surviving cousin on our maternal Hudgens side. We grew up in nearby towns and visited often as small kids and teenagers. One memorable incident was when playing patient and nurse, at around six years old, Nurse Alice accidentally took scissors to my lower lip. We and our parents never forgot that. Alice was a beautiful woman with whom I fell in love as a teenager. I once joked at a family reunion that I would have asked for her hand in marriage if the State of Illinois had allowed it. Her passing leaves a painful void in our lives. Joe Goddard*

Joe Goddard - October 30, 2025 at 10:12 PM

MT

“ *Mike - so sorry for the loss of both of your parents. Condolences to all the family.*
Marva Taylor

Marva Taylor - October 30, 2025 at 05:19 PM

JR

“ *I'm sad to learn this. May she and Bill rest peaceful. Prayers for the family. She was always such an energetic, spunky lady, who made the best banana nut muffins.*

Julie Riley - October 29, 2025 at 05:53 PM

JE

“ *I'm so sad to learn that Alice has passed away too. I have lots of good memories of Alice & Bill. My condolences to the Barnett family.*



Julie Enright - October 29, 2025 at 04:41 PM