



## Annie K. Johns

March 16, 1936 - August 17, 2011

Annie K. Johns, 75, of Bourbonnais, died Wednesday (Aug. 17, 2011) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. Mrs. Johns was a dietitian at Provena St. Mary's Hospital for more than 25 years, touching the lives of so many in the community. She was born March 16, 1936, in Kerala, India, the daughter of K.C. and Annamma Cherian. Her husband, T.K. Johns, whom she married Dec. 22, 1962, at College Church of the Nazarene, preceded her in death May 19, 2004. She was one of the founding members of the Westbrook Church of the Nazarene, where she served on the board. Her greatest happiness was nurturing others through her cooking and entertaining her friends, family and her beloved grandchildren. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Jon Ricker, of Evansville, Ind., and Sally and Steven Grimes, of Hinsdale; and four grandchildren, Tristan Ricker, Trevor Ricker, Isabel Grimes and Noah Grimes. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27. Pastors Todd Peeler and Jay Sorrell will officiate the funeral service. Entombment will be held at All Saints Cemetery In Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to Westbrook Church of the Nazarene.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-2342

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 26.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

**AUG 27.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Annie K. Johns* ”



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Susan and Sally,

*Just wanted to share some of my thoughts with you...*

*I first met your mom at St. Mary's in 1976...not knowing that in 5 years I'd be her neighbor for nearly 10 years! So many great memories.... Lindsay and Janna will always remember your mom as "Annie, the cookie lady" next door. They would come home with a stack of cookies about dinner time and say with urgency, "Annie said we could have these!" Of course, I'd have to limit the amount until after they'd had their supper. Your mom always had an endless supply of love and cookies!*

*She called me her little sister, but I suspect she had other 'sisters' as well! I will always cherish the times I spent with your mom though the years....our lunches at China Chef, our grocery excursions, and later on, our visits at Provena Heritage. I'll never drink another sip of Ginger Ale without thinking of her!!! What a smile she always had....no matter what her circumstances, and her STRONG faith that the Lord would take of her. She is my role model of what the Christian life is all about! What a wonderful Godly example she set for you both and your families, and for others that knew her.*

*I think of you both, and her, and also your dad, ....as often as I pass by your old house....and you know how often that is!!! :-) What a blessing to have known her. She will be greatly missed!*

*My love and hugs to you!  
Marilyn*

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**Marilyn Myers** - September 22, 2011 at 04:20 PM

VB

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to Annie's Family. I worked with her at St. Mary's Hospital in Dietary for many years. I always enjoyed talking and working with her. I used to call her Annie MaMa. She was a very kind person whom will be deeply missed by many.*



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**Vickie Bertrand** - September 19, 2011 at 09:15 PM

MI

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Annie's passing. She was a big part of St. Mary's for many years. I was never the same when she left. Treasure the happy memories and her gentle smile.*

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**Michelle** - August 31, 2011 at 10:40 PM

JB

“ Susan & Sally -

*Wow, it is so hard to say goddbye to a parent espicially as loving and warm as yours were. As Christians it is a blessing and comfort to have the knowledge that through Christ this is only the beginning of the next phase of life with Him and the beauty of Heaven. No more pain, sorrow or struggles.....which sounds so wonderful!*

*My heart goes out to you Susan & Sally both and I wish I could be there to give you a hugh HUG. You and your families have been heavy on my heart these past days since Donna let me know and I will be there in spirit and will uplift you in prayer!*

*My memories of your mother are really good ones, with her warm infectious smile and her talent of making you feel welcome in her home and the big hugs that she always gave me. She will truly be missed by all of those she has touched.*

*Love Ya Nerm - xoxo*

*"The Brew Crew" John, Joy, Joshua & Jared Brewer*

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**Joy Sharpe Brewer** - August 27, 2011 at 12:49 PM

VS

“ Dearest Susan and Sally:

*Donna Gross Lagesse sent me an email so this time I am getting the opportunity to tell you how my heart aches for your loss...and for all who will weep tears of gratitude for the gift of having your mother touch our lives.*

*I will always remember that she always had a smile and with a hug we would play the "guess what fragrance" Annie is wearing today. You know...I still play that game with friends today...but I believe it all started with her.*

*She was so gracious in her efforts to make us feel welcome and oh how we were blessed by her hands at work in the kitchen. She loved to feed us! I still crave her curried chicken and rice. She was Christ's hands and His Heart in so many ways. Her faithful walk was a testimony to everyone she met. The world has lost a jewel but it is heaven's gain.*

*I cannot help but smile to think of the reunion of your mom and dad surely shared when she arrived. They were such a pair!*

*Know that our thoughts and prayers and love are with you and your families during this time. Much love-*

*Valerie Smith (and the guys...Randy, Chase and Walker)*

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**Valerie Smith** - August 25, 2011 at 10:38 PM

CP

“ Dear Susan & Sally, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a good friend, and a good cook, I remember her curry "made mild for American taste". We had a great time when we were young marrieds with young families. Annie was my wife (to- be)s's , room mate at ONU. I remember when your dad first got here, and all the meals & outings. (not to mention the feasts at the Ingersons). Our life would not have been the same without her & TK. My thoughts & prayers are with you & your families at this time. Chuck Philbrick  
Sugar Hill GA

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**Chuck Philbrick** - August 25, 2011 at 06:25 PM

FH

“ I worked with Annie at St. Mary's for a number of years. The first word that comes to mind in describing Annie is "kind". I never, ever, saw her without a smile on her face.  
I extend my sympathies to her family.  
Frances Haase  
Tucson, Arizona

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**Frances A. Haase** - August 24, 2011 at 07:22 PM

CW

“ While teCarolynaching at Olivet and working at St. Mary's, I met Annie. She always said we were sisters and we were in the Lord. She so encouraged me in my Christian walk. I am so happy to know she is in the arms of Jesus with no more pain or suffering. I love her so. What an honor to have a mother and father that loved the Lord.

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**Carolyn Wilkes** - August 24, 2011 at 02:57 PM

RR

“ Dear Susan,  
Please know that comforting thoughts are being sent your way.  
Hope your family and friends are able to provide some wonderful  
memories of your Mom.  
With Sympathy, Russ

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**Russell Roehr** - August 23, 2011 at 07:03 PM

JK

“ Susan - You share your mother's so very "kind eyes" that mean so  
much to others. So sorry for your loss. God Bless you, John and the  
boys.  
Sincerely, Julie and Danny Kinder

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**Julie Kinder** - August 23, 2011 at 10:07 AM

CD

“ Dear Family of Annie Johns: My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the  
family and friends of Annie Johns. I was at the hospital a few days  
before Mrs. Johns passed away. I could just see by the love that  
was present in that room, that day, how beloved this woman was by  
her family and friends. What a gift to have served so many people in  
her role at the hospital. It takes a special kind of personality to reach  
out to others in kindness and compassion. I am grateful for being  
received by the family as they welcomed me into prayer at Mrs.  
Johns' bedside.

*May God bring you comfort, peace, and healing.*

*Sincerely, Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo*

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**Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo** - August 23, 2011 at 09:29 AM

MG

“ Susan- We are so very sorry for your loss. We will be thinking about you and your family over the next few days. Thoughts and prayers coming your way. Charlie, Michele and Chase



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**Michele Gross** - August 22, 2011 at 09:44 AM

JP

“ Sally - I was heartbroken to hear the news of your mom. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts. Jill Prehn

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**Jill Prehn** - August 22, 2011 at 08:46 AM

MC

“ Margie Kenney CNA lit a candle in memory of Annie K. Johns



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**Margie Kenney CNA** - August 21, 2011 at 03:07 PM

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**Margie Kenney CNA** - August 21, 2011 at 03:06 PM

VG

“ I met your folks in 1970, when your dad came to work for DCFS (and your mom was pregnant with Sally). We kept in touch with your folks through the years, and knew how proud they were of both of you, and your children. When our daughter went to U of C, TK recommended the place for her to live, where you did Sally. I saw your mother in June, shortly before we came up here for the summer (in cool Minn.) I am so glad she is home free; she never got over your dad's death. I also know Midu, who visited her daily and faithfully. Your mother never complained, and was a quality person. May she rest in peace. Sincerely, Virginia Gibson p.s. in the early 1970's, when your mom took you back to India to visit family, we had your dad over for a meal, and he showed us a video of the homestead back in India. I also have several hand-carved wooden elephants, given by your folks. I also remember your mother's beautiful saaris. How wonderful to have been raised with the influence of two cultures. Treasure that.

Virginia Gibson - August 21, 2011 at 01:53 PM

SJ

“ Thru the many years of working at SMH, Never once did I ever encounter Annie without a smile or a kind Hello. If there was a minute to talk she always took your hands and patted them. What a wonderful woman! Feel Blessed to have known her! May she rest in Eternal peace. You, her family have my sincere sympathy.



Sue Jensen - August 20, 2011 at 07:35 AM

BT

SO sorry to hear of Annie's passing. I know she is resting in the arms of her Savior. She has a special place in my heart. I remember with fondness the visits with Susan Koshy to her home. She always made me feel so welcome in her home.

Becky Tammen - August 22, 2011 at 10:59 PM

RK

“Annie was the nicest and one of the most pleasant people we have had the pleasure to know. She always had an ear if you needed to talk. A very Christian woman and a real child of God. It was a wonderful thing to see her smile on Sunday mornings when she was able to go to Church. She was dear to our hearts. We love you Annie. You are back with your T.K. now and that's something we should rejoice about although you will be greatly missed. Rest peacefully in Gods arms now. Gone but never ever forgotten.  
In Christ---Randy & RoseAnna Knickerbocker



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Randy & RoseAnna Knickerbocker - August 19, 2011 at 12:50 PM

SC

“Annie was one of the first people i encountered in my christian walk--she was my sunday school teacher when i first started attending church. I always felt loved and supported by her as I went through high school and beyond. She was one of the kindest, most sincere people i have ever had the honor to know. --Sara (Taylor)Christensen

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sara christensen - August 19, 2011 at 12:49 PM

MC

Dear sweet Annie. I took care of her at Bickford for the time she was there. I loved coming into her room in the morning and helping her to get ready for the day. I used to make her laugh planning on what fragrance to wear that day :) also what color to wear. She was always so happy. Annie had lots of friends that would come visit and family. Also friends at Bickford itself. Sally, I am so sorry for your loss. I talked to you the most. My prayers to the family. Knowing I will see Annie once again some day. -- Margie Kenney CNA

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Margie Kenney CNA - August 21, 2011 at 02:48 PM