



Dorothy A. Carley

June 3, 1937 - November 11, 2025

Dorothy A. Carley, age 88, of Bourbonnais was called by her Lord to her Heavenly Home, peacefully with her family by her side, on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 after several years battling dementia and macular degeneration. She was born June 3, 1937 in Watseka, the oldest of three girls, to George & Lorina (Pfungsten) Janssen.

Dorothy grew up in the Crescent City area (Iroquois County) attending grade school and graduating from Crescent-Iroquois High School in 1955. She then attended MacCormac Business College in 1956 in Kankakee and became employed at A.O. Smith Corporation in Kankakee as a bookkeeper.

On August 17, 1958 she married her high school sweetheart, Richard Carley at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, where they both were members and they made their home in Seguin, TX while her husband finished college at Texas Lutheran University. She briefly worked at a furniture store in Seguin before becoming a bookkeeper at a steel mill outside of town for over two years. She held several jobs over the years, but her most favorite employment, that she would remind everyone about, was as an office manager and bookkeeper at Westwood OB-GYN in Kankakee for over twenty years.

She was the mother of David & Rhonda. Besides her love towards her children, her love of life was her five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Besides raising a family and her jobs, she was always on the move to the activities of her children and grandchildren and supporting Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School, where her husband coached.

She enjoyed traveling, which included many cruises, trips south during the winter months, and many trips to Branson in the fall with friends and family. Dorothy was very active in church activities no matter where she lived. She taught Sunday School, Bible School, and was President of WELCA, participating in Quilting ministry, helped organize many church rummage sales and helped serve meals at funerals and church activities. She loved her Lord! She frequently testified her faith in God and felt God's grace and presence in most everything she did and the people she met over the years. If you met her, you loved her!

Dorothy was a member of American Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her husband of 67 years, Richard "Dick" Carley of Bourbonnais; one son, David (Becky) Carley of Thompson Station, TN; one daughter, Rhonda (Kevin) Arthur of Bradley; two sisters, Ruth (Robert) Kahl of Bourbonnais and Arlene (Bruce) Yergler of Conover, NC; five grandchildren, Elizabeth (David) Maderia, Deborah (Aaron) Gray, Hannah (Dan) Carley-Killian, Kyle (Cassidy) Arthur, and Wade (Katie) Arthur; and eleven great-grandchildren, Nathaniel, Evelyn, Sonia, Carley, Abigail, Luther, Peter, Jaxson, Avery, Charles, and Owen. Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents and two great-grandchildren, Miriam and June.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, November 21, 2025 at American Lutheran Church in Bourbonnais. An additional visitation time will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. memorial service on Saturday, November 22, 2025, also at the church. Rev. Patrick Jenkins will officiate the service.

Memorials may be made to the American Lutheran Capital Campaign, Alzheimer's Association, or Uplifted Care.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

American Lutheran Church
1560 Career Center Road
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-7515
<http://www.alcbourbonnais.org/>

Memorial Visitation

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ Matt, Kimberly, Matthew, Adeline, Adam purchased the Decadent Delights Chocolate Gift Basket for the family of Dorothy A. Carley.



Matt, Kimberly, Matthew, Adeline, Adam - November 21, 2025 at 01:15 PM

MA

“ Matt, Kimberly, Matthew, Adeline, Adam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy A. Carley.

Matt, Kimberly, Matthew, Adeline, Adam - November 21, 2025 at 01:15 PM

JD

“ I worked with Dorothy at Westwood OB for several years. She was so good at her job, a kind person, great sense of humor. Just a wonderful lady to work with and to have as a friend. Dorothy never forgot who I was and I will always remember what she meant to me. Rest in peace my lovely friend. Joan Denney

Joan denney - November 21, 2025 at 11:32 AM

TH

“ I had the good fortune to have had Dick Carley as my high school baseball coach. I recall Mrs. Carley being a big supporter of the team. My thoughts and prayers are with Coach, the family and her many friends.

Troy Howell

Troy Howell - November 20, 2025 at 06:16 PM

KA

“ My Mother Anita Kronst sends her condolences to the Family of Dorothy. They shared many memories in the stands at BBCHS basketball games.



Kim Kronst Anderson - November 20, 2025 at 04:48 PM

NS

“ I remember all the times I sat with Dorothy. We would watch game shows and have coffee. She would talk about her family, Dave and Rhonda and the grandkids. She said she was so blessed and always said how good Dick was to her. She loved telling me about how they met and their adventures together . Sending thought and prayers to the family. She was a joy to be around. I was blessed to know her and Dick .

Norma Semashko - November 19, 2025 at 01:30 PM

RM

“ Rick N Marla lit a candle in memory of Dorothy A. Carley



Rick N Marla - November 17, 2025 at 10:09 AM

CG

“ Our deepest sympathies to Dick and the family.

Glover and Clara Gillespie

Clara Gillespie - November 15, 2025 at 05:22 PM

CC

“ *Our Sympathy to Dick, Rhonda and David.
We remember all the good times we had on
trips that her and Dick took with us. Also all
the ball games at BBCHS during the years.*



Jan & Carl Coleman

Carl & Jan Coleman - November 15, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ *Deepest heartfelt sympathy ...she was FUN to work with always
with a SMILE...she believed in the promises of eternal LIFE!!
Prayers for Coach & family*

*With our grief in one hand and the promises of God in the other..
John Heil
Jude 3*

John Heil - November 14, 2025 at 09:23 PM

KR

“ *Deepest condolences to Dick and his family.*

Karen Riml - November 14, 2025 at 11:26 AM

BP

“ *Dick and family, I send my deepest sympathy. I do remember
Dorothy and yes, she was always the same. Her smile and
personality always made you feel at ease. My thoughts and prayers
are with you Dick and your family at this time.
Barbara Phillips (BBCHS)*

Barbara Phillips - November 14, 2025 at 12:01 AM

AM

“ My deepest condolences to Dorothy's family. Big hugs to you Coach
❤️

Angela Mills - November 13, 2025 at 10:08 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Dorothy A. Carley.



November 13, 2025 at 07:58 PM

TA

“ I loved her dearly she was always so much fun. I am sorry for your loss and my deepest sympathy to her family . May she be dancing and seeing and singing joy in heaven.

Tara - November 13, 2025 at 05:06 PM

CH

“ Cary Hagen lit a candle in memory of Dorothy A. Carley



Cary Hagen - November 13, 2025 at 03:28 PM