



## Edna G. "Nixie" Arseneau

May 18, 1934 - May 12, 2017

Edna G. "Nixie" Arseneau, 82, of Bourbonnais, died Friday May 12, 2017 at Presence St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet. She was born May 18, 1934 in Bourbonnais to Willard and Hattie (Raymond) Arseneau.

As a lifelong resident of the Village of Bourbonnais, Nixie could be found outside tending to her lawn, and flowers, taking a walk, or trotting around town after her retirement from General Foods. Wherever she went Nixie brought joy to others. Always ready to lend a helping hand or share a kind word she knew no strangers only friends.

Nixie enjoyed spending time and celebrating with her family. She had more than thirty nieces and nephews, many great nieces and nephews and even a few great, great nieces and nephews. She knew every one of their birth dates and never missed an opportunity to call or send a card. And in return she was deeply loved by each and every one of them.

She attended St. Joseph Seminary and retired from General Foods. She was a member of Maternity BVM Church.

Nixie is survived by 7 sisters; Natalie Keigher of Milwaukee; Mary Ann Bisailon of Bourbonnais; Alice "Jane" Morgan of Bourbonnais; Lois Arseneau of Bourbonnais; Linda (Wayne) Benoit of Centralia, MO; Carol Arseneau-Miller of Bourbonnais; and Christine Lambert of Bourbonnais. 1 brother; Raymond

Arseneau of Champaign.

Nixie's sister Rosalie Raines passed away one day after she did, May 13, 2017.

Preceding her in death were 2 brothers Thomas and Jerome, and 1 sister Marcella.

Visitation will be held Tuesday May 16th from 4-8pm at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Visitation will also be held Wednesday May 17th from 10am until the 11am funeral mass at Maternity BVM Church in Bourbonnais. Rev. Vernon Arseneau will officiate. Burial will follow at Maternity BVM Cemetery in Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to Bishop McNamara Catholic School Bourbonnais Site or Presence St. Mary's Cardiac Rehab.

# Cemetery Details

## Maternity Cemetery

Corner of Canterbury Lane & William Latham  
Dr.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 16.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

**MAY 17.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church  
308 E. Marsile  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-8285  
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

## Funeral Mass

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church  
308 E. Marsile  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-8285  
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ I remember Nixie from her living near my in-laws, Doug and Joyce Altmyer. A very kind and friendly person and always so nice to my kids. God bless her and her family.

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**Juli Doud Altmyer** - May 21, 2017 at 05:14 AM

CB

“ My condolences to the Arsenal family at this time of loss. Christine was my best friend from 6th grade at Maternity BVM until our graduation from Bishop McNamara (senior year there). Nixie being approximately 13 years older than us, would drive us around in her car and I felt happy to have Nixie take us places. Yes those were the good old days. I also have fond memories of Tommy and Jerome. I thought their parents were amazing to have so many children and one small bathroom. The good old days, I say again. To all the Arseneau children remaining I just want you to know how special those times were with Nixie back in the days when Bourbonnais was a little town, and times with your mom and dad, Christine playing the organ and her parents' evening ritual. The years would have been from 1959 to 1965. God bless you all. It has been my pleasure to recall those happy days when we shared life together. The photos posted in gallery are great reminders of Nixie and her smile. Beautiful...

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**Connie Baker** - May 20, 2017 at 11:13 PM

CK

“ So sorry for your loss. You have such a loving & close knit family.



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**charlotte C Keefer** - May 19, 2017 at 02:16 PM

KM

“ *Families of Nixie: The Knights of Columbus of St. John Council 3738 (Westmont, IL) wish to express their sympathy at the passing of Nixie into eternal life. We will add her to our prayers for repose of the soul. -- Joseph P. Moffa, Grand Knight; Knights of Columbus; St. John Council 3738; 25 North Cass Ave; Westmont, IL 60559.*

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**Konrad C. Miskowicz-Retz** - May 18, 2017 at 06:59 PM

CJ

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Nixie's passing. Many years ago she and my mother Rolaine Boudreau were great friends. We kids loved it when Nixie came to visit. She was all that was written about her in the paper. I remember her fondly and offer my condolences to her famil. Christine Ann Boudreau Jacob.*

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**Christine Boudreau Jacob** - May 17, 2017 at 05:05 PM

MM

“ *To the Arseneau family especially Lois and Carol whom I knew personally along with Nixie. The obituary described the person I knew for several years back in the 70's and 80's. When I think of Nixie, I think of genuine laughter and goodness. May the Arseneau family in the days ahead continue to share their memories of Nixie and feel her presence in some way. Perhaps she is somewhere behind those brilliant stars shining and telling them, "all is well." My love and prayerful remembrance to all of you. Most sincerely Maureen Martin, Tucson Arizona*

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**Maureen Martin** - May 17, 2017 at 03:05 PM

BB

“ Bruce And Janet Blake lit a candle in memory of Edna G. "Nixie" Arseneau



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**Bruce and Janet Blake** - May 17, 2017 at 08:40 AM

SB

“ I'm blessed that I got to visit Nixie at St. Joseph Hospital and to pray at her bedside with 2 of her sisters. May God give strength and comfort to all in your beautiful family.  
Sister Bea Baker, CND

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**Sister beatrice baker** - May 16, 2017 at 08:08 PM

MB

“ Michelle Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Edna G. "Nixie" Arseneau



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**Michelle Baldwin** - May 16, 2017 at 10:29 AM

MB

“ Nixie was a beautiful Aunt filled with joy and loved by all! Her kind and gentle ways will be missed. She made all her "kids" young and now old feel special!

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**Michelle Baldwin** - May 16, 2017 at 10:28 AM

SC

“ Nixie was a good friend to all. I spent time with her when she used to visit us with Lois in Connecticut. We enjoyed her humor and playing cards with her. Her generosity touched many people. Sister Teresa Barton, CND

Sister Teresa Barton, CND - May 16, 2017 at 10:24 AM

CV

“ Please accept my deepest and sincere sympathy at the loss of Edna. Edna and I worked together at General Foods. She was always so pleasant and helpful May God Bless each of you and help you cope with your loss. Please take comfort in the fact that Edna is now resting in peace and enjoying everlasting life in heaven. God's blessings always,

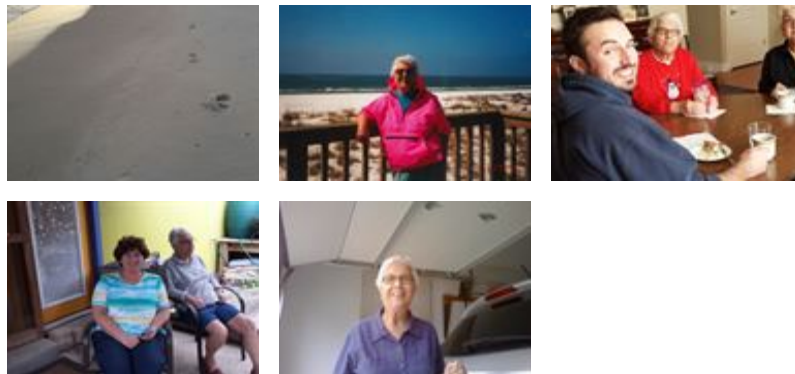


Cynthia Vickery

Cynthia Vickery - May 16, 2017 at 06:06 AM



“ 83 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - May 15, 2017 at 01:04 PM

MR

“ *A loving and joyful aunt. She will always hold a special place in my heart. May the Lord welcome her into his heavenly kingdom.*

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**Mitch Raines** - May 15, 2017 at 12:05 PM

LW

“ *She will be missed.*



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**Lynn Wotell** - May 14, 2017 at 09:52 PM

VA

“ *When Nixie was around it was always a lighthearted, warm, and wonderful time. All the visits on her porch on Bernard St. and at her kitchen table. Over 50 years of wonderful memories that I will always treasure. We were all VERY lucky to know and to love her. Her untimely passing leaves a huge void in our family and I will miss her beyond measure. RIP Dear Nixie.*

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**Valarie Arseneau** - May 14, 2017 at 06:10 PM