



Eleanor A. Strand

January 28, 1924 - February 12, 2016

Eleanor A. Strand, 92, of Bourbonnais, died Saturday (February 13, 2016) at her home. Visitation will be from 4-8 PM Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais and 9-10:30am on Wednesday, also at the funeral home, a funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Wednesday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to Maternity BVM Church.

She was born January 28, 1924 in Madison, WI, daughter of John and Johanna Weber Skolaski. Eleanor married James M. Strand on November 23, 1944 in Madison, WI; he preceded her in death on August 11, 2005.

Mrs. Strand was a 1969 graduate of the Kankakee School of Nursing. and retired from Presence St. Mary's Hospital. She was a member of Maternity BVM Catholic Church, where she was a home bound minister (minister of care), Eucharistic Minister and a member of the Ladies of St. Anne (C.C.W.). She enjoyed reading, hiking and camping. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Shirley Strand of Bourbonnais; two daughters and sons-in-law, Treva and James McPhedran of Peru,IL, Karla and Simon Jurdak of Tampa, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and 13

great-grandchildren.

Eleanor is also survived by three sisters, Julia Wright, Betty Wright, Cecilia Bethel, all of Madison, WI,; and one brother Robert and Margaret Skolaski of Madison; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one great grandson, Kyle McPhedran, 3 brothers, and 3 sisters.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 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

Funeral Mass

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

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Tribute Wall

KC

“ *SUCH A WONDERFUL LADY ALWAYS HAD A GREAT SMILE TO SHARE MY MOTHER TOLD ME WHAT A GREAT NURSE SHE WAS TO MY FATHER OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE WHOLE FAMILY LOVE YOU ALL THE CHARBONNEAU FAMILY*

KARON CHARBONNEAU - February 17, 2016 at 09:22 PM

RD

“ *Eleanor Stand...more than one can fit in a page. She is someone that always greeted me with warmth and a smile - always made you welcome in her home and heart. She was elegant and beautiful; and radiated all that's good. I am so blessed to have known her and to have shared even small moments in life. Love you Eleanor and family.*

roxanne dressler - February 17, 2016 at 10:27 AM

CS

“ *Eleanor was the loveliest of ladies.....to see her face again made me smile. Haven't seen her for awhile since we moved, but certainly have wonderful memories of her and her husband, Jim. Please accept our deepest sympathies.*
Wayne and Cheryl Segneri

Cheryl Segneri - February 17, 2016 at 07:27 AM

JR

“ I remember on many occasions where Jeff & myself would go up to see grandma and grandpa wvery year to play euchre and we would play teams and grandma would always be on my team and about how much her face would light up when she would see her great granddaughters Brittany and Amber,you are so loved and I know that you are spending eternity with grandpa



Janette Rickard - February 16, 2016 at 10:59 PM

LN

“ I've known Eleanor for many years at Maternity B.V.M. Church and also had the privilege of helping she and Jim with the sale of their home . They were both beautiful people that left the world a better place. A happy thought is the two of them being reunited in Heaven with their best friend Jesus !

Sincerely,
Lori Naese

Lori Naese - February 16, 2016 at 09:02 PM

SK

“ I have so many happy memories of Eleanor. Numerous times I would come over for one of the Strand family gatherings, and she would be sitting there with that sweet pretty smile of hers. I loved joking around with her, and being with her was always so joyful. What a treasure! What a sweetheart! I will miss her, but as they say, you keep them alive when you brighten your world. She sure brightened mine. Rest in Peace!

Steve Kelley - February 16, 2016 at 03:13 PM

MM

“ *I have fond memories of working with Eleanor over 30 years ago in MICU at St. Mary's Hospital. She was a hard worker, and always fun to be around. I still use a recipe that she gave me, and always think of her when I use it. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of great loss.*

Marilyn Myers - February 15, 2016 at 11:55 AM