



## Eunice Dykstra

April 5, 1920 - August 31, 2021

Eunice Dykstra, age 101, of Randleman, NC, formerly of St. Anne, passed away Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at her daughter's home in Randleman, NC. She was born April 5, 1920 in Papineau, the daughter of Charles & Gladys (Scott) Allain. Eunice married Robert Dykstra on April 14, 1938 in St. Anne. He preceded her in death on January 9, 2015.

Eunice was a bookkeeper for McKibben Engineering Corporation. She was a Supervisor for St. Anne Township for 16 years. Eunice served as Treasurer for the Board of Senior Housing Limited Partnership and a volunteer for the Salvation Army and Meals on Wheels for many years. She enjoyed handwork, reading, playing the organ, and playing table games with family and friends. Eunice was a member of the First Baptist Church in St. Anne where she also played the organ for services, weddings, and funerals. She had also taught Sunday School for many years.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters-in-law, Duane & Sandra Dykstra of Aroma Park and Mark & Kimberly Dykstra of Kankakee; three daughters and one son-in-law, Carol Keller of Bradley, Wanda & Forrest Zander of Carol Stream, and Donita Odom of Randleman, NC; 12 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Eunice is preceded in death by her parents; five grandchildren, Stephen Reid, Heidi Reid, Jacqueline Keller, Robert Keller, and Connie Clevenger; one brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth & Darlene Allain; one sister, Lola Peterson; two brothers-in-law, Joe DeYoung and Paul

Peterson; two sons-in-law, James Keller and Richard Reid; and one great-granddaughter, Angela Clevenger.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 10:30 a.m. funeral service on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne.

Interment will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to the Bible Witness Camp in St. Anne.

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 9. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Anne - Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home  
214 W. Sheffield  
St. Anne, IL 60964  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

SEP 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to the family. Eunice will be greatly missed. I truly enjoyed the time I was able to spend with & get to know her!*

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**Laheelah Calbert** - November 24, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. I met Eunice in 1998 when I started volunteering for the VITA tax program at the Salvation Army.. Eunice was the person who started the program at the Salvation army MANY years prior. At that time she had been running the program 'some 10-15 years' she didn't remember how long. She was wonderful to work with, knew a lot, and was a great 'encourager'. I 'inherited' the program when she turned 80 and decided it was time to 'retire"! The program is still providing a valuable service to the community. Thank you Eunice for your many years of service!*  
*Camille Cretens*

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**Camille Cretens** - September 09, 2021 at 10:35 AM

CT

“ *Eunice was much more than a bookkeeper at McKibben Engineering Corp. Office or Business Manager would be a better title. She was one of the trio that shared running what was referred to as "The Shop": George (Mac) McKibben working with customers, designs, manufacturing processes, equipment, physical plant; Eunice working with customers, suppliers and employees; Ed Lustik and many others minding the fabrication and production operations.*

*Eunice kept the office files organized and accessible: customer orders and material purchases; business expenses; payroll. She was a great communicator, always cheerful, always dependable, detail oriented. And always keeping people informed of what mattered. Customers knew what was happening with their orders.*

*We are all thankful that Eunice was there for so many years!  
A valued employee. A wonderful person! We will remember her forever.*

*The McKibben family,*

*Brian McKibben  
Claude McKibben  
Carol McKibben Turner  
Gail McKibben Ferrebee*

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**CAROL J TURNER** - September 07, 2021 at 05:27 PM

LC

“ *So sorry for your loss*



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**Laurie Barnhart Cook** - September 07, 2021 at 11:51 AM

MB

“ *Mary Blum lit a candle in memory of Eunice Dykstra*



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**Mary Blum** - September 04, 2021 at 11:04 PM

LP

“ *Thought and prayers going out to all!! She was a wonderful lady!! Her and Bob were our neighbors for years and they were the kindest, most thoughtful people I have ever met. She will be missed!*



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**LINDA PRITCHARD** - September 04, 2021 at 02:03 PM

MM

“ *MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Eunice Dykstra*



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**MR MRS** - September 03, 2021 at 10:37 AM

LN

*Mrs. Dykstra was a real joy to work with as the St. Anne community sought to create a senior housing development that would allow St. Anne seniors to age in place in their community. Her love of the community and her compassion was a driving force in the creation on North Lake Villa and we are all better off for her service to the community.*

*Larry Nolan, Kankakee, IL*

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**LARRY NOLAN** - September 05, 2021 at 11:37 AM

KS

*Eunice and I exchanged many email letters. Although I never met her in person, I developed deep feelings for her and I'm proud to call her 'cousin'. She was a great help to me as I gathered information on her part of the Allain family history. She would send me updates, newspaper articles, and even help find misspelled words as I sent her information to critique. Having lived in St. Anne, Illinois most of her life, she was very knowledgeable of the area and she had a strong interest in her Allain family heritage. ...Kathye Knight, Wichita, Kansas*

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**Kathye Snyder-Knight** - November 22, 2021 at 02:57 PM