



## Eva Rae Johnson Dietrich

May 28, 1924 - July 25, 2013

Eva Rae (Johnson) Dietrich, of St. Anne, IL passed away Thursday, July 25th, 2013 at 89 years old. Eva Rae was born on May 28th, 1924 in Kankakee, IL to Charles Arthur and Dayle (Reynolds) Johnson. She was the oldest of three children, and the only daughter. She and her family moved various times throughout her childhood, including Joliet, IL and Hobart, IN. Eva Rae married the love of her life, Bryce Dietrich, on January 31st, 1948 , a year and a half after spotting each other at the local roller rink. Their life long love story, and unflinching commitment to each other was admired by all who knew them. Their love only grew through the birth of their two children. Though originally a city girl, Eva Rae could regularly be found cooking large meals for family members and the hired men at the farm. After retirement, Eva and Bryce spent the winters in Florida for over 20 years. She found great joy in the choir in which she participated and directed in their Florida community.

Eva Rae will be lovingly remembered by many for her extravagant generosity with her resources and her time, her beautiful voice with which she blessed countless numbers of people, her selfless love for her family, her gentle spirit, her contagious laugh, and her faith Jesus. Words only begin to express how much she will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bryce Dietrich; her brother, Charles Johnson; and her infant daughter, Judy Dietrich.

Eva is survived by her daughter, Sharon (Phil) Egebrecht of West Chicago, IL; her son, Gary (Karen) Dietrich of Bourbonnais, IL; and Johnny Newsom of Woodland, CA whom they raised throughout his adolescent years. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Erika (Darrin) Schultz, Lindsey (Mark) Meyers, Brandon (Kathryn) Dietrich, Tiffany Dietrich and her fiancé Joshua DeRocco, Kristine Egebrecht, Nathan Dietrich, five great-grandchildren, her brother, Austin (Nancy) Johnson of Kankakee, IL, 2 sisters in law Lorraine Johnson of Kankakee and Isabelle Forestier, St. Anne, IL; and her goddaughter, Tamara (Johnson) Brown.

There will be a visitation on Sunday, July 28th from 2-5pm at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Bourbonnais, IL. There will also be a visitation on Monday, July 29th from 10-11am at College Church of the Nazarene, 200 College Avenue, Bourbonnais. A memorial service will be held immediately following at 11am at College Church. After the service, entombment will occur at All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais, IL. Memorials may be made for family wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

JUL 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene  
200 University Ave.  
Bourbonnais, IL  
(815) 933-7749  
<http://www.collegechurch.org/>

## Funeral Service

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JUL 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene  
200 University Ave.  
Bourbonnais, IL  
(815) 933-7749  
<http://www.collegechurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ You all have my deepest sympathy and prayers.

Love,  
Alice Bartruff

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**Alice Bartruff** - August 14, 2013 at 11:26 AM

ZB

“ To Gary and Karen, Our deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your beloved mother. May God comfort you at this time and the days to come. Love Todd and Zinia Burrell

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**Zinia Burrell** - July 29, 2013 at 02:59 PM

JG

“ Praying God gives you comfort and peace and beautiful memories to help ease the pain. Eva Rae had the most beautiful smile and always radiated so much love for her family and her faith. She was a blessing to all to who knew her.

Joan, Bill and Drew Grodski

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**Joan Maass Grodski** - July 27, 2013 at 03:03 PM

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Erika I am sorry to hear of the loss of your grandmother I know you were very close and you spoke so much of her and all your special times together. I know she will be missed. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Debbie Witheft

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**Debbie Witheft** - July 29, 2013 at 10:10 AM