



## Joyce Altmyer

August 13, 1934 - January 21, 2009

Joyce R. Altmyer, 74, of Bourbonnais, died Wednesday (Jan. 21, 2009) at Riverside Medical Center, surrounded by her dear family. She died from complications of pneumonia. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, where she was a member. Father Richard Pighini will officiate. Burial will be in Maternity BVM Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Maternity BVM Catholic Church or to a charity of the donor's choice. Mrs. Altmyer was a part-time employee of the Bradley Public Library and Provena Fortin Villa. Joyce was born Aug. 13, 1934, in rural Bourbonnais, the youngest of 11 children born to Joseph and Irene Prairie Benoit. She married Douglas F. Altmyer on June 27, 1953, at Maternity BVM Church. He survives. She is also survived by two sons, Steve Altmyer of Bourbonnais, Jeff (Naomi) Altmyer of Champaign; and two daughters, Laurie (Todd) Haynes of Bloomington, Mary (Max) Schmid of Manteno. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, Lance and Austin Altmyer of Bourbonnais, Alina and Alec Altmyer of Champaign, Meaghan and Nathan Haynes of Bloomington, Matthew, Aaron, Luke and Julia Schmid of Manteno; and one great-granddaughter, Alex. Joyce also leaves behind five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Rosemary Senesac of Manteno, Bernice Buckley of Canton, Theresa Ciaccio, Joan and Gerald McGinnis, all of Bradley, Eloise and Jack Martin of Bourbonnais; and one brother and two sisters-in-law, Jerome and Betty Benoit of Minnesota, Barbara Benoit of Bradley. She was

preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Florence Denault; and three brothers, Artel, Donald and Maurice Benoit.

# Tribute Wall



“ *My grandma was the greatest grandma ever! her sense of humor and loving self was amazing! i will never forget her and i love her so much! She will always be remebered! i love you grandma! love.  
Julia,your granddaughter!*

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**Julia Schmid** - August 01, 2011 at 07:32 PM



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - December 07, 2010 at 03:09 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about your mother's passing. I will keep you all in my prayers. My God be near and comfort all of you during this time and always.<br><br>Jennifer Harvoth##imported-begin##Jennifer  
i¿½(Phillips) i¿½Harvoth##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Altmyers;  
  
  
I am sorry to hear of your loss.  
I will always remember Joyce and her outgoing personality.  
  
All the Travis' wish all the Altmyers our deepest sympathy.  
Wish I was a little closer so I could lend my support personally.  
Blake Travis

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“ Deepest Sympathy Doug. Bill Maass

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“ A gentler soul could not be found than Joyce Altmyer. What a gracious lady she was.  
She will be dearly missed.  
We will pray for strength and peace for the Altmyer family.  
God bless!  
Maria Garrity

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“ NULL Larry & Lori Gordon

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“ Steve,  
  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remember your mom's sense of humor and appreciate how welcome she and your family made me feel. You, your dad, your brother and sisters are in my thoughts and prayers.  
  
Andrew###imported-begin###Andrew Arvanetes###imported-end##

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“ Dear Altmyer Family,  
  
I am so sorry to hear of the death of your dear Wife and Mother. Mom just sent me the news and I had many memories come to me. Your family was such a nice family to have in the neighborhood. I think the memory that made one of the biggest impression on me was when your Dad butchered a chicken, right there in town. I had never seen such a thing when he cut that head off... I guess the memory reminds me of what an important part your parents had on our family..  
Seeing how you children have grown into having a close walk with God is a tribute to the fact that God was important to your parents. We don't always understand fully what Jesus means to us but the lives that you are leading show that you are seeking Him.  
Mom always looks forward to your news at Christmas time.  
Keep her on your mailing list so that we can continue to see how God is working in your lives.  
  
May God give you the strength to go through this valley and come out stronger on the other side.  
  
Your friend,  
  
Marinda (Prior) Ebersole###imported-begin###Marinda Prior Ebersole###imported-end##

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“ To Doug, Steve, Jeff, Laurie and Mary, My entire family will miss Joyce. She always made us laugh and she was the "life of the party". Please know that my family has you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Pat ĩ½( Hagan) Donath##imported-end##

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“ <br><br> ĩ½Dear Doug,<br><br> ĩ½Sr. Bernice and I wish to offer<br><br> ĩ½our prayers and sympathy to you and<br><br> ĩ½your family at Joyce's death.<br><br> ĩ½Joyce was a joy to work with<br><br> ĩ½and always had a wonderful way<br><br> ĩ½with the children.<br><br> ĩ½May she be enjoying eternal<br><br> ĩ½happiness now with our God. May<br><br> ĩ½God Bless each of you with His<br><br> ĩ½abiding Presence.<br><br> ĩ½Love & Prayers, <br><br> ĩ½Sr. Bernice & Sr. Joan Barbara<br><br> ĩ½##imported-begin##Sister Joan Barbara Fenton##imported-end##

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“ We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your spouse and mother. She was a loving wife and mother and a friend to many, ĩ½You will have many memories with which to remember her by. ĩ½<br><br>John 14:18 says: "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you."<br><br>I found this to be true many times. ĩ½God bless and comfort you.##imported-begin##Beulah Brooks##imported-end##

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“ To the Altmyer family, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolences. i;½We are truly sorry for your loss.<br><br><br><br>Jeff, Kim, Connor, Austin and Grant###imported-begin##Jeff and Kim Johnson###imported-end##

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“ To all of you but especially Doug, I am so sorry for your lost, Joyce was always a pleasure to be around. i;½We sure had a lot of good laughs. I know when I talked with her a couple of weeks ago she said she was feeling pretty bad.....God rest her soul<br><br><br><br>With my deepest sympathy, barb###imported-begin##Barbara Hood###imported-end##

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“ Laurie and Family, I just wanted you to know I am sorry to hear of your loss. i;½I will remember your family in my prayers at this time. I know the Lord is your strength at this time.##imported-begin##Pam Kuchenmeister###imported-end##

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“ I just wanted to let everyone in the family know how sorry I am for your loss of Joyce she always made me laugh. God Bless and prayers, Karon Charbonneau###imported-begin##Karon K Charbonneau###imported-end##

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“ Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Lori Latham Smietanski##imported-end##

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“ Our sympathy is with you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Carol & Joe Fritz##imported-end##

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“ Dear Doug and Family,<br><br>We send our deepest sympathy to you with loving thoughts and prayers. ĩ½May all the loving and joyful memories of the past fill your hearts at this time.<br><br>Nick and Shirley##imported-begin##Nick & Shirley Africano##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Cindy & Greg Coyne##imported-end##

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“ DOUG AND FAMILY,<br><br> MAY GOD BE WITH YOU IN THE LOSS OF JOYCE. MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY. KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.<br><br><br><br><br>ROSEMARIE MARION##imported-begin##ROSEMARIE MARION##imported-end##

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“ Dear Doug,  
  
So sorry to read of Joyce's passing. We are not going to be in town during the hours of visitation but wanted to express our sympathy for you and your family. We know the wonderful relationship you and your family shared so we know you have wonderful support for each other and through your relationship with God. We will be thinking of you all. God bless. Gale & Ron##imported-begin##Ron & Gale Dodge##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Wendy Wunderle##imported-end##

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“ Joyce was a wonderfully warm and kind woman. i ½ She always made a point to stop and say hello at church and to ask our daughters about school or about their summer, etc. i ½ Last summer, the girls and I ran into Joyce and Doug at Dairy Queen in Bourbonnais and sat with them to eat our ice cream. i ½ Joyce will be greatly missed by anyone that was fortunate enough to know her.##imported-begin##Jim and Barb Bilgri##imported-end##

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“ Sorry we can't make it to the wake, but we will be thinking of you. i ½ Our deepest sympathy to all of your family at this time.<br><br><br><br>Bill & Linda##imported-begin##Bill & Linda Willis##imported-end##

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“ Dear Doug, sons, Steve and Jeff; daughters, Laurie and Mary, spouses, sisters, brother, grandchildren and extended family, <br><br><br>Gene joins me in extending sympathy to you each and all of you at the loss of Joyce. <br><br><br><br>As an old Our Lady Academy student, I have bright memories of Joyce, an "upperclassman" who was always friendly, never lorded it over us "freshies". <br><br><br><br>Starting way back, Gene and I both had dear happy Sister Amiee (Benoit) SSCM as our third grade teacher. When I met Joyce, it was like being in the sunshine of Sr. Aimee--the Benoit quality (?), a few more years up the academic road. <br><br><br><br>Joyce and I shared many a short chat in her years at the Bradley Libray where she was known for her helpful, cheerful disposition. I like to think it had to do partly with being of the old French Canadian strain...?<br><br><br><br>You have an advocate in Heaven, there is no doubt. <br><br><br><br>Thinking of you as you merge your sadness with Celebration of Joyce's life that is your personal and rich legacy.<br><br><br><br>Sincerely,<br><br><br><br>The Wilkeys, out Rockville way<br><br>##imported-begin##Elmira Wilkey##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Doug, Steve and Joyce's family. ĩ½Joyce was a very sweet, kind and loving person. ĩ½She will be missed by so many. ĩ½I am privileged to have known her. ĩ½She always had kind things to say and was always smiling. My deepest sympathy to all of you.##imported-begin##Taryn Bowsher##imported-end##

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“ Dear Doug and family,<br><br>It is with sad hearts that we read of the passing of Joyce. We know that your family will feel her loss deeply. We send our thoughts and prayers to you today for strength and acceptance.<br><br>Sincerely,<br><br>Wayne and Cheryl Segneri###imported-begin##Cheryl Segneri###imported-end##

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“ Doug and Family<br><br>Our deepest sympathy is extended to your family at this time of your loss. Prayers will go with you and your family i; ½from us to you.<br><br>Joyce's smile will truly be missed as well as her presence at family gatherings.###imported-begin##Ron and Joanne Fritz###imported-end##

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“ Dear Altmeyer family, We are so sorry for your loss and you have our deepest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers, and hopes God sees you through this difficult time. Dave and Mary York###imported-begin##Dave and Mary York###imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry we cannot be with the Altmeyer Family at this time of sadness. Aunt Joyce was a wonderful person and friend. We will miss seeing her when we come to Kankakee. God Bless you all. Sharon Totura, Joel and Kathy Stevens, Denny and Angie Altmeyer, Suzie and Scott Tarr and Tom and Denise Altmeyer.###imported-begin##Sharon Totura and Family###imported-end##

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“ Douglas, <br><br>Reading the Kankakee newspaper over here in Rome, I discovered the news about Joyce's death and wanted to let you know that she and you and all of her loved ones are in my thoughts and prayers. Father John##imported-begin##Father John Peeters, CSV##imported-end##

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“ I was fortunate to meet Joyce thru my father, Bob Nickles, and thought she was a warm, loving and caring person. ĩ½My thoughts and prayers are with the family and they have my deepest sympathies at their huge loss.##imported-begin##Cathy Nickles Manes##imported-end##

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“ Dear Doug and Family, and all the Loved ones of Joyce, <br><br> ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½My deepest sympathy and prayerful support as you grieve the death of Joyce. ĩ½My heart aches as I know you are also grieving Maurice's death from just two weeks ago. <br><br> ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½My you know God's loving embrace and care through the family, friends, relatives and community and church family's who will reach out to you.<br><br> ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½Peace and healing.<br><br>Sr. Denise (from St. Joe's Bradley)##imported-begin##Sr Denise Glazik, OP##imported-end##

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“ Our ery deepest sypathies to the entire family. ĩ½She will certainly be missed. ĩ½Our thoughts and Prayers will be with you.##imported-begin##Don and Alice Anderson##imported-end##

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