



## Lucille R. "Lucy" Etzel

August 9, 1951 - September 19, 2024

Lucille R. "Lucy" Etzel, age 73 of Bourbonnais passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born on August 9, 1951 in Kankakee, the daughter of Joseph A. and Reva (Ditzler) Hebert-Sutherland. Lucille married William G. Etzel on June 20, 1970, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Lucille was a retired employee of Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School. Lucille also ran her own daycare business. She volunteered at Maternity Food Pantry and Center of Hope Food Pantry.

Lucille enjoyed gardening, jigsaw puzzles, and traveling. She lived a life full of faith in God and loved spending time with her family and friends.

Lucille was a parishioner of Maternity B.V.M. Church in Bourbonnais. She served as a Eucharistic Minister, a Lector, and a former Choir member.

Surviving is her husband, William (Bill) of Bourbonnais; three daughters, Stacey (Brian) Helmig of Saybrook, IL, Sarah (Keith) Longtin of Bourbonnais; Kathryn Etzel (Justin Sikma) of Bourbonnais; two sisters, Marilyn (Mark) Gibson of Decatur, Alice (Kevin) Simonds of Bourbonnais; two brothers, Reverend Dan J. Hebert of Anchorage, AK, Jerry (Cindy) Hebert of Bradley; twelve grandchildren, Isabella, Sophia, Aidan, and Evangeline Helmig, Dayne (Mary) Longtin, Emma (Derek) Janota, Madelyn Longtin (Landon Cousin), Max Longtin, Lily Longtin, Jack Longtin, Curtis Goodman, Preston Goodman; and one great grandchild, Brooks Cousin.

Lucille is preceded in death by her parents and one nephew, Andrew Simonds.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Bourbonnais. A rosary service will be at 7:30 p.m. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at Maternity B.V.M. Church in Bourbonnais. Reverend Dan J. Hebert, Lucille's brother, will celebrate the mass. Burial will follow at Maternity Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care or Riverside Cancer Center.

# Cemetery Details

## Maternity Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **24.** 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

SEP **25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ To Bill and family. We were heartbroken to hear about Lou's passing. She was such a beautiful person inside and out. She watched my children Michael and Olivia for many years and for a short time my son Thomas. My kids adored her as did I. I always knew that they were in good hands while my husband and I were working. Thoughts and prayers to the entire Etzel family during this difficult time.



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**Carolyn Donley** - September 25, 2024 at 12:06 PM

JK

“ Julie Koomar lit a candle in memory of Lucille R. "Lucy" Etzel



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**Julie Koomar** - September 24, 2024 at 01:31 PM

GG

“ So very sorry for your loss Lucy was a very wonderful caring lady. Keeping you in thoughts and prayers  
Gloria Graha



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**Gloria Graham** - September 23, 2024 at 08:37 PM

CS

“ My heart was saddened when I heard that Lucy passed. She was a wonderful friend of mine. We had been friends since high school and always kept in touch. She will be greatly missed. My heartfelt condolences to you Bill and your family. ❤️🙏



Carla Scheppler - September 23, 2024 at 05:24 PM



“ In Memory - Angel Figurine, 8.25 in was purchased for the family of Lucille R. "Lucy" Etzel.



September 23, 2024 at 01:28 AM

BM

“ Deepest condolences to the Etzel family and the Hebert family. If she's anything like Jerry she was a very good person!

Berry McCracken - September 22, 2024 at 12:36 PM

JC

“ Lucille's parents and my parents were good friends. Our entire families would occasionally get together in the late 60's/early 70's. I remember Lucille as a kind and friendly person and always easy to talk to. My condolences to the Hebert and Etzel families.

Jim Ciaccio - September 21, 2024 at 05:56 PM

DT

“ I am heartbroken to hear this 😞 Lucy worked summers with me at BBCHS , every one loved Lucy ❤️ kind , funny a hard worker 😞 she was a blessing & a gift to know 🌹 . I am so sorry for her loved ones , Bill & Lucy were such soul mates. ❤️ She will be forever missed & always remembered 😞🌹💔

Deborah Tofte - September 21, 2024 at 03:32 PM

AY

“ Lucy was a friend of mine when we worked at Merle Norman Cosmetics. She was a beautiful person inside and out, and has surely got a front row seat in heaven.

Angie Young - September 21, 2024 at 01:34 PM

JH

Fr. Dan, Alice & family, May Gods grace surround your family as you walk through this enormous loss. We have been in Kentucky since August 7 and lost my MIL on August 30th. May God who has us all in the palm of his hand comfort you all as you walk this mournful journey! Our prayers remain with you all! Love the Houchins Family of Anchorage, AK

James and Shaharriet Houchins - September 22, 2024 at 10:48 AM

CB

“ Lucy was such a sweet person! Always so welcoming & friendly. Our kids were about the same age, & remember such fun times getting together. Her faith & family were very important to her, and it was evident. My condolences to Bill and her family.

Chris Breese - September 21, 2024 at 05:39 AM

JP

“ My deepest sympathies to Bill and the entire Etzel family on this sad loss. My her family be comforted, and she rest in peace.

Jim Puswaskis - September 20, 2024 at 09:47 PM

TL

“ The Lopshires planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucille R. "Lucy" Etzel.

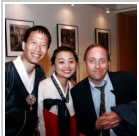
The Lopshires - September 20, 2024 at 07:39 PM

TL

“ The Lopshires purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Lucille R. "Lucy" Etzel.



The Lopshires - September 20, 2024 at 07:39 PM



“ I met Lucy through Cindy & Jerry Hebert in 1994. I spent a few Christmases with her & her husband Bill at their house & also at Cindy & Jerry's house. Even though I wasn't part of her family, she treated me like one of her own. She was a wonderful, Christ like lady. My prayers & condolences go out Bill & the rest of her family. Sincerely, Roger L. Robinson

Roger Robinson - September 20, 2024 at 07:26 PM

CL

“ Mrs. Etzel was one of the sweetest kindest people I have ever met. I am so fortunate to have known her through her daughter Stacey. She was always a breath of fresh air- such a positive person and devoted mother. Fly with the angels Mrs.Etzel. You will be greatly missed.

Cara Lummis

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**Cara Lummis** - September 20, 2024 at 06:54 PM

DW

“ I worked with Lucy at BBCHS for 11 years. Her and I retired at the same time in 2012 and have remained friends ever since. We got together for our birthdays and Christmas for gift exchanges and for other times during the year. We had some great conversations. She was a true friend and I am going to miss her dearly. I know that she is going to a better place and will not suffer no more. She fought so hard to fight her illness. My thoughts go out to her family at this difficult time. Love, her friend Donna

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**Donna Werderitch** - September 20, 2024 at 05:54 PM

PP

“ Lucy was a delightful person to work with in the BBCHS cafeteria. She was a hardworking, cheerful coworker. It was clear that her faith and family meant very much to her. It was a blessing to know her. She and her family will be in my prayers. I know that the good Lord has welcomed her home.

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**Pam Pickett** - September 20, 2024 at 05:26 PM

LN

“ *A truly beautiful gal inside and out! She will be very sadly missed by everyone who knew her. Heaven gained another great one! Our sympathy ,love and prayers to her beautiful family.... Jerry and Lori Naese*

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**Lori Naese** - September 20, 2024 at 03:08 PM

JS

“ *I was privileged to have Lucy as a friend. She was a wonderful person with a deep faith. There is no doubt in my mind that she is experiencing heaven in all its glory. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!*

*Love,*

*Jeanette Schneider*

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**Jeanette Schneider** - September 20, 2024 at 02:51 PM