



## Ruth Drassler

November 4, 1917 - December 15, 2009

Visitation for Ruth Drassler, 92, of Bradley, will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, and from 10 a.m. Monday at Central Christian Church, Bourbonnais, until the 11 a.m. services. Dr. Frank Garton will officiate. Interment will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to Central Christian Church or to the Bradley Public Library. She died Tuesday (Dec. 15, 2009) at Proctor Hospital in Peoria. Mrs. Drassler worked as the librarian of the Bradley Public Library from 1966-1997. She was the oldest librarian in the state of Illinois when she retired. She had also been an operator for Illinois Bell Telephone. She was born Nov. 4, 1917, in Wilmington, the daughter of Thomas and Delitta Green Gresham. Her husband, Louis Drassler, whom she married Jan. 17, 1941, in Bradley, passed away Nov. 29, 1994. Ruth was a graduate of Kankakee High School and was active in the Central Christian Church, where she sang in the choir. She belonged to the Bonnie Bells Women Barbershop Group, The Women of the Moose and The Red Hat Society. She loved to travel and enjoyed playing cards and bowling. She was known for playing the piano in the Kankakee area. Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Laura Jane (Humphrey) Drassler of Peoria; one grandson, Mike Drassler of Peoria; one brother and two sisters-in-law, Bill and Audrey Gresham and Blanche Gresham, all of Bourbonnais; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Woodrow, Paul, Thomas and Kenneth; two sisters, Ruby Wilson and Thelma

Balk; six sisters-in-law, Mayme Drassler, Mathilde Beham, Frances Krick, Imelda O'Malley, Ella Mae Gresham and Ethel Gresham; and two brothers-in-law, Albert Wilson and Harry Balk.





“ NULL##imported-begin##Ralph Lustik##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Jim & Debbie Lareau##imported-end##

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“ With Deepest Sympathy##imported-begin##Lorraine Papineau##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Barb and Casey Roth##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Steve's mother. Keeping you in our prayers, especially during the holiday season.##imported-begin##Dianne Bayes##imported-end##

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“ As a very small child <br><br>Ruth and Louie were great friends of my Mom and Dad Marge and Orren Allain. ĩ½Louie was their best man at their wedding. ĩ½As a child we went on many vacations together to Wisconsin. ĩ½They were at our wedding 45 years ago and have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. ĩ½Ruth was a person I would like to be like. ĩ½She could play the piano, run the Bradley Library and had a wonderful positive spirit about her. ĩ½We will always remember her and Louie in our thoughts and prayers. ĩ½###imported-begin##Mary and Alex Martino##imported-end##

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“ She lived life ĩ½with gusto and was always doing things for others. I loved ĩ½her piano playing. ĩ½Sorry for your loss [ and mine] <br><br> ĩ½ĩ½lone###imported-begin##lone Chappell##imported-end##

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“ We will miss you so very much<br><br><br><br>We will miss the happiness and joy that you always brought<br><br><br><br>Janice & Marshall###imported-begin##Janice & Marshall Green##imported-end##

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“ Thinking of you,praying that memories ofsuch a special person will bring you peace and comfort She was a very ĩ½beautiful person and some one to be with.###imported-begin##leo & thersa demers##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Drassler took the time to be kind to a young girl and let her "help" in the library. ĩ½I hope she knew how much that meant to me. ĩ½This was back in the 60's when the library was still on Broadway. ĩ½She instilled a love of reading for a lifetime. ĩ½Please accept my condolences.##imported-begin##Teresa Hendrickson Beckman##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry I won't be able to attend the services but I just wanted to say something you already know -- Ruth was a wonderful person!! ĩ½She loved life and lived it to the fullest. ĩ½We should all take a lesson from her. ĩ½Don't wait until tomorrow to live you life, tomorrow may never come. ĩ½Ruth was always happy and never had a bad word to say to anyone. ĩ½I knew her since I was a child and she was an inspiration in my life. ĩ½Steve, she loved you and you were so good to her. ĩ½You should feel very lucky to have had such a great mom, and she was lucky to have such a good and caring son. ĩ½##imported-begin##Sue Bell##imported-end##

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