



Verneta Snodgrass

June 5, 1932 - December 29, 2011

Visitation for Verneta Snodgrass, 79, of Bourbonnais, will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, and from 10 a.m. Tuesday at the College Church of the Nazarene, Bourbonnais, until the 11 a.m. funeral services. The Rev. Kendall Franklin will officiate. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. She died Thursday (Dec. 29, 2011) at her home, following a 1 1/2-year battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig Disease). She was born June 5, 1932, in Fivemile, Ark., the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and LaVerta Hawkins Billington.

She was a member of College Church of the Nazarene, where she was a very active volunteer, including Prime Time Counsel and Wesley Cell. She was active in her family's lives, including her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband, Claude L. Snodgrass, of Bourbonnais, whom she married Dec. 1, 1950, in Sodus, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Carol Snodgrass, of Fort Mill, S.C.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and Thomas Tuntland, of Bourbonnais, and Claudia and Donald Hertz, of Bradley; nine grandchildren, Kimberly Jewell, Jason Tuntland, Kristin Allison, Amy Balsano, Dawn Hertz, Brooke Deatherage, Rhonda Sergeant, Jacob Snodgrass and Cari Snodgrass; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lorene Altom, of Drasco, Ark., and Nelda Bailey, of Benton Harbor, Mich.; and one brother, John Billington, of Statesville, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Hazel Buckner; and

two brothers, Oliver Billington and Otis Billington.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JAN 3. 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

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *I loved when we would all have lunch on the back porch and just spend time together. No matter where or when, grandma D was always fun to be around* ”



Victoria - March 17, 2016 at 09:58 AM

“ Mom,

As I sit here quietly thinking of special memories of you, my mind is clouded by sadness and joy at the same time. It's quite a task to think of specific time because we have shared so many. These past months have truly been a privilege for me to care for you and be by your side.



As I reflect, I know you have given me something so precious, and that is to be grateful and enjoy the simple things in life. I smile and think of the year you got Dad a new 4 slice toaster for Christmas and we ate almost an entire load of bread that early morning. Oh how things have changed with out technology. We talked of how amazing it was that I took a picture with my phone and brought it in to show you the changes in your garden. Those pictures now mean the world to me for they show the progression of our last months together. Those cucumbers would sprout and grow a new leaf everyday and you were so pleased to watch your flowers bloom and grow. You were a master gardner and shared that with me. I hope you enjoyed the flowers and plants that were so strategically placed so you could watch them flourish and make you proud of your front porch.

As I move through the time line of years, I smile at the memories of my childhood. Moving our house in Missouri and sleeping in the middle of the street and Christmas programs that Rita, Ron and I would perform for you and Dad every Christmas Eve. We put hours into perfecting those and the two of you would patiently watch us climb atop that green vacuum box and recite those poems and sing those songs. Most of the time we were headed to Michigan and the snow would be piling up but that was ok, you watched proudly.

Oh how I remember those family trips we would take to Michigan and Arkansas to see relatives, because family was always most important. We continued those trips through the years and you and Dad traveled with my family so many places. We all had so much

fun on those boat trips in Arkansas every year at family reunion time. Story after story could be told of those times. Red laughs when he thinks of the time we almost nose dived the pontoon boat on Greers Ferry Lake. You laughed and laughed after we collected our soggy towels and belongings from that boat floor. Dawn and Brooke had the best trip ever that year we went on our Western tour. Our bus tour took us to Crazy Horse where I bought you that beautiful DVD you listened the rest of the trip for hours on end. You played it not only to enjoy but you said it reduced Dad's road rage.

I asked the girls of their special memories. Amy remembers you taking care of her when she was young and reading her books for hours, dozing off and her telling you "D you skipped a page". You had read them so many times to her she had them memorized. She was just learning to talk when you would call her Amy D. Well she picked up on that quickly and added the D to your name, hence the Grandma D nickname your grandchildren so affectionately call you. You wore the wheels off 2 strollers walking her up and down Stadium Drive waiting for me to get off work. When I got off, we would spend everyday doing something "special" even if just packing a picnic and going to the park. For that was the simple things we enjoyed in life. Each other.

Dawn remembers those Friday paydays when they were young, we would pick up the check, pay the bills and go to McDondalds to sit and let them play on the gym set. Those weekend getaways and vacations are so special. Collin will never forget those Arkansas trips we shared since he was born. After you became sick Dawn would come sit with you while Paw went to bible study on Tuesday mornings. She enjoyed talking to you and filing out your little life story book David had picked up for you.

Brooke has many memories, but her most important is from the present. Your battle with ALS has become her battle. She watched as it took the life from you, your arms, your speech and finally your breath. She has made it her battle to help raise funds to find a cure against this disease. She knows how prou

Claudia Hertz - January 09, 2012 at 01:16 PM

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“ *In 1990 Ron and I decided to go to College. We both had full loads and worked. Verneta came early in the morning to be with our youngest Cari. Verneta saw us through. We appreciate that time she gave to help us so selflessly.*

Carolyn Snodgrass - January 05, 2012 at 01:57 PM

KW

“ *I always looked forward to Uncle Claude and Aunt Verneta and there family coming down and getting to see them. It always added something special to our day. We love you guys and are praying for you.*

*Kathryn Watson
AKA Susie*

Kathryn Watson - January 02, 2012 at 10:15 AM



LY

“ *So many memories I have of Aunt Verneta. I loved to eat at Aunt Vernetas and I loved her bacon, because nobody could cook bacon like she did. I enjoyed seeing her love for God and our family. I enjoyed watching her bid at our family reunion auctions it was fun to watch her light up when she got her prize at the end of bidding. She will be greatly missed.*

LaVerta Yates

LaVerta Yates - January 02, 2012 at 10:06 AM



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“ A loving Aunt she was and very faithful Christian woman was she, I believed and still do so that the Lord uses things that come in our lives to bring us closer to Him and I believe she would give Him all the Glory through what she went through. My fondest memory is getting to see her at the family reunion in 2010 and able to get one of her purses in our auction. I will miss her dearly but I know through my own acceptance of Christ in my life I will one day see her again and believe we will have a great deal to talk about. We love you Uncle Claude, Claudia, Rita, Ron, and to the rest of the family you are dear to us and you are in our prayers daily.

Love,
Tabatha Henderson

Tabatha Henderson - January 02, 2012 at 09:40 AM

JH

“ One of my memories of Verneta is her smile and her ability to make you feel like she was always happy to see you.

Sorry for your loss.
Joy

Joy Chandler Hadwin - January 01, 2012 at 08:24 PM

MI

“ Vernita was a wonderful Christian, lady, friend. Always "up," loving and kind. A very lovely, outgoing, just a beautiful person, one I wish I could be more like. Sincerely, Mildred N. McAnally

Mildrednellie@comcast.net - January 01, 2012 at 01:00 PM

JB

“ One of my favorite memories of my sister is when we went camping and she and Ben Shearer had a foot race down to the lake - Ben won - but it was fun for everybody anyway. Another especially fond memory is when we spent three days traveling the Blue Ridge Parkway. We saw so many beautiful things and really enjoyed spending time together. There was so much to see we even had the side doors of the van open so we wouldn't miss anything. Verneta, Claude, Betty and John - on the road and loving it. John B. Joseph Billington

John B. Billington - December 31, 2011 at 09:00 AM

JT

“ The first "favorite" memory would have to be how special family reunions were for Aunt Verneta. She planned for weeks, maybe months, to be prepared. I don't know that anyone else enjoyed our time together any more than she did. Those were the days...

Another favorite time I spent with her was when she helped me understand sacrificial giving through faith and love. But then, just watching her should have been all I needed to learn about that gift.
Joni

Joni Tumbleson - December 30, 2011 at 09:41 PM

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kelly tuntland - December 29, 2011 at 01:47 PM