



## Willetta P. Waddick

September 6, 1929 - January 9, 2026

Willetta P. Waddick, age 96, of Bradley, passed away Friday, January 9, 2026, in Plainfield.

She was born September 6, 1929 in Chicago, the daughter of William & Evelyn Lager Meter.

Willetta married Robert Waddick on October 12, 1985. He preceded her in death on June 26, 2010.

Willetta was a homemaker and a secretary.

She loved plants, gardening, traveling, journaling, dancing, and swimming. Most of all, she loved spending time with family – especially her grandchildren.

Willetta was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are one son, Francis Eugene (Cathy) Kennedy of Bourbonnais; two daughters, Laura Moore of Bradley and Sherri (Tim) Okrey of Plainfield; sixteen grandchildren, Jimmy, Melissa, Elijah, Laura, Sloan, Stephen, Rachel, Katelyn, Bryan, Catherine, William, David, Christalle, Michelle, Nicholle, and Danielle; and twenty-six great-grandchildren.

Willetta is preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Francis Eugene Kennedy; her second husband, Robert Waddick; one son, James Kennedy; and four sisters, Viola Trospen, Evelyn Seitz, Laverne Shields, and Marlene Meter.

Visitation will be held 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sunday, January 25, 2026 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2026  
at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Interment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

JAN **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
211 N. Center Street  
Bradley, IL 60915  
(815) 939-3573  
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

# Tribute Wall

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“ My Aunt Billie, she was a wonderful lady and a dedicated mother. I remember the time when she showed me how to make eggnog from real eggs and milk and spices when I was a kid, it was good. In the early days, my Mom, Aunt Shirley and Aunt Billie call them selves the Three Musketeers when they would go out dancing together with their then husbands. But as time went buy the dancing days ended and motherhood took over. I had good times being around Aunt Billie and Jimmie Kennedy would play his saxophone in the living room just having some fun God Bless you Aunt Billie, I know you will be missed.

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**Steven Kennedy** - January 25 at 02:18 PM

MK

“ Martin K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willetta P. Waddick.

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**Martin K.** - January 25 at 08:39 AM

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“ Aunt Billie has always been a favorite aunt. My first childhood memories are of visiting her in Chicago. I remember Aunt Billie in the doorway happily greeting us, feeding us well, and then we ran around with our cousins, while the adults visited and partied. I loved her easy-going nature and that of Grandma Meter and could imagine the fun my mom Evelyn had growing up with her sisters.

Years later, we visited my parents and Aunt Billie and Uncle Bob when they wintered at the Fountain of Youth Campground in California. Mom and Billie enjoyed swimming, walking, and having fun together. Aunt Billie and Uncle Bob even became skilled square dancers with darling costumes! For Thanksgiving, we all gathered at our house in Irvine and always had a good time. With lots of people to feed and two little kids running around, my mantra to stay calm was, “What would Aunt Billie do?”

Hugs to all!

Nancy Seitz Colocino

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**Nancy Seitz Colocino** - January 16 at 06:15 PM

SK

“ Susan Kennedy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willetta P. Waddick.

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**Susan Kennedy** - January 12 at 06:18 PM

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“ Susan Kennedy purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Willetta P. Waddick.



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**Susan Kennedy** - January 12 at 06:18 PM



“ I only had the pleasure of meeting my Great Aunt Billie a couple times. What a wonderful, sweet woman.

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**Mike Seitz** - January 12 at 04:24 PM