



Beverly J. McKinney

March 10, 1934 - August 10, 2016

Mrs. Beverly J. McKinney, 82, of Anna, passed peacefully on August 10, 2016, in her daughter's home in Decatur, IL.

Beverly was born on March 10, 1934 in Anna, IL to Mr. and Mrs. Everett and Connie (Burgeois) Randall of Cobden, IL. She has one sister, Linda M. Knauer of Cobden, IL. She married Donald L. McKinney of Herrin, IL on June 9, 1956. She was a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cobden, IL and belonged to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society for many years.

She was a high school graduate from Cobden, IL in 1952. She went to college in St. Charles, MO at the University of Lindenwood where she graduated with a degree in Vocal Music and Music Education in May 1956, and immediately began her career teaching instrumental band. She spent the next 37 years teaching band in Dongola, IL (2 years) and at the Anna Junior High school Anna, IL, grades 5-8, until she retired from there in 1992.

Beverly had many interests and hobbies. Music was innate to her. She sang beautifully for others on many occasions and played piano throughout her life. She also enjoyed marching band with her students every year during her career. She was also an experienced seamstress. She especially enjoyed working at her sewing machines, either making or mending clothes, or creating and decorating with her embroidery machine. She also enjoyed quilting. She made and created many a baby blanket. Her handiwork is well

known. She was an avid reader and loved to travel. One of her most memorable trips was to Greece and Egypt. She and Donald toured Athens, Cairo and the Valley of the Kings.

Beverly is survived by her daughter Miriam (Mim) McKinney Winder, (Eric) of Decatur, IL; son Brian R. McKinney (Debbie) of Jerseyville, IL; sister Linda M. Knauer of Cobden, IL; grandchildren Carmyn R. Streich, Decatur, IL, Brianna Ruppert (Aaron) Hillsboro, IL, Brittany McKinney of Nashville, TN; Great-Grandchildren , Mila, Kivett and Nora Ruppert; 5 Step-Grandchildren , Curtis Winder (Stephanie), Donald Winder (Stacy), Lyndee Winder (Kevin Bell), Natasha Winder, and Eric Wayne Winder (Ellie); and 6 Step Grand-Children; 2 nephews Thomas and Steven Bailey, Cobden, IL, and their children; nieces Kay Picolet, Julie Bates and Linda Rittmanic of Iowa; cousin Sharon Burgeois, St. Louis, MO; and very close family friends and church family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald L. McKinney; father and mother Everett and Connie Randall; and other grandparents, aunts, uncles and family members.

Visitation will be from 11:00am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at the Crain Funeral Home Anna-Jonesboro. Funeral services will be at 1:00pm on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at the funeral home with LaRue Parr officiating. Interment to follow in the Cobden City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association or donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family visit www.crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna
135 W. Vienna St.
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-2176
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Service

AUG 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beverly J. McKinney*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Mrs. McKinney played piano for me at regional and state singing contest when I was in JR High school. Will always remember how nervous I was and she helped me to relax and just have fun. What a wonderful Lady. Dwane Sims*

Dwane Sims - August 13, 2016 at 04:56 PM



“ *Mrs. McKinney was someone I grew up with in our neighborhood. I always listened to what she had to say as a child. I learned to play the flute and enjoyed being in the band. She was a great teacher of music, and I have no doubt had a positive influence on many children. She made a real impact on me in my Jr High years and influenced my love of classical music today.*

Kathy Campbell-Chapman - August 12, 2016 at 11:38 PM



“ *Love from the Loomis Family. <3 purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Beverly J. McKinney.*



Love from the Loomis Family. <3 - August 12, 2016 at 03:08 PM

WL

“ With our love, Kay, Julie, & Linda purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Beverly J. McKinney.



With our love, Kay, Julie, & Linda - August 12, 2016 at 02:37 PM

TP

“ Your mother will truly be missed. She was a wonderful roll model for me when my family moved to Anna. She took me under her wing and introduced me to music! Wow! Did she now her stuff!!!! And her enthusiasm for music rubbed off on me! One memory comes to mind: The Anna Jr. High band was going marching! Your mother was on our side, not missing a step. She blew her whistle (which meant, lift your instruments and get ready to play).....I lifted my clarinet along with everyone else and their instruments.....and nothing came out but a squeak! Good lord, I could not get my breath to march and blow my clarinet for nothing! Afterwards, I asked Mrs. McKinney if this was normal. She laughed and said, "Tammy, you will get the hang of it. You WILL eventually get used to marching and breathing and playing your clarinet. But, you must practice!" And boy did I ever!!!! I know I drove my family insane marching up and down the steps in our house, around the house outside and even down our driveway. But eventually...I did it!!!! I could march and play music with my clarinet. This memory and many more that come to mind make me smile. I hope it makes you smile also! She was a wonderful woman! God's musical choir has taken one of the best to be home with them now!

Tammy Tweedy Phoenix - August 12, 2016 at 11:29 AM

KC

“ *Brian and Mim,*

Your mother was a great person, teacher and friend. I have so many good memories of her from junior high band to the back yard pool and a trip to the drive-in in the old chevy. My sincerest sympathy to you and your families.

Kent Casper

Kent Casper - August 12, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“ *Mrs. McKinney was one of my favorite teachers. She not only taught us music, but taught us a lot about life.*

Jeff Tutt - August 12, 2016 at 09:10 AM

ME

“ *Mim and Brian: We wanted to send our condolences to the two of you and your families. We have fond memories of our times together when we lived in Anna and went to church with you and your parents. Your mom was a special person who touched so many lives particularly through her music and teaching. May God give you peace through the beautiful "Mom" memories you carry always in your hearts.*

Marcia and Tom Ellison

Marcia Ellison - August 12, 2016 at 08:08 AM

SG

My prayers and love to you, Mim and Brian. Your mother was a special lady. May God's peace, love, comfort, and strength cover you today and in the days to come.

Stacey Ellison Glasgow - August 14, 2016 at 08:55 AM

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“ Aunt Beverly sang "Until the 12th of Never" at my wedding on March 3, 1979. She also shared her birthday on March 10th with our daughter Shannon.

She was a lovely lady who said it like it was.

Aunt Beverly and her sister Linda made a surprise visit to see our parents before they passed. Her visit brought tears. I also remember taking her to a local Mexican restaurant and there was a mariachi band playing. She loved it!

She's waited a long time to see our Uncle Donald!

Hugs to all!



Kay Picolet (niece) - August 12, 2016 at 07:14 AM

JM

“ She was such an inspiration to me band choir what a lady that deep voice ..she always sang at xmas time in a red dress..

Jeff meskenas - August 12, 2016 at 07:06 AM

MW

“ Mrs. McKInney was a great band teacher. She inspired us to play our instruments, was always encouraging, and no other music teacher could ever compare to her. I remembered seeing her in town years after I graduated from high school and she was always friendly and never forgot who you were.

Melissa Rosson Wilson - August 11, 2016 at 08:39 PM



“ Aunt Beverly was truly a great woman,
prayers sent for the family during this time💕💕



Robyn Allen Ramsey - August 11, 2016 at 12:03 PM



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Robyn Allen Ramsey - August 11, 2016 at 12:02 PM



“ Robyn Allen Ramsey lit a candle in memory
of Beverly J. McKinney



Robyn Allen Ramsey - August 11, 2016 at 12:00 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for
the family of Beverly J. McKinney.



August 11, 2016 at 10:10 AM