



Cecilia Brutlag

December 18, 1943 - September 13, 2025

Cecilia Brutlag, 81, of St. Anne, Illinois, entered her heavenly home on September 13, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family.

Cecilia dedicated her life to caring for others, both in her work and in her faith. She served as a Food Service Director and held many other jobs throughout her life, always approaching each role with dedication and compassion. Beyond her work, she was known as a devoted prayer warrior, faithfully lifting others up and offering comfort through her unwavering faith.

Her greatest joy was her family. Cecilia adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She especially loved playing card games and dominoes with her family, creating memories that will be cherished for generations. She will be remembered for her generous spirit, her strength in prayer, and the unconditional love she poured into the lives of those around her. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, faith, and devotion that will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and friends. Her family finds hope in knowing that the prayer warrior they knew on earth is now rejoicing in heaven, reunited with her beloved husband, Norman.

Cecilia is survived by her four daughters: Kim (Steve) Abrassart of St. Anne, IL; Sharon (Fred) Abrassart of St. Anne, IL; Lisa Graves of Broomfield, CO; and Michelle (Andrew) Hasik of St. Anne, IL. She is also survived by three

sisters, Shirley Kort of Omaha, NE, Mary Jane Jones of Kankakee, IL, and Clarice Reynolds of Mesa, AZ; four sisters-in-law, Mary (Brian "Buz") Meents of Watseka, Lois Mowrey of Morris Chapel, TN, Joyce Brutlag of Potomac, IL, and Iris Brutlag of Bourbonnais, IL; two brothers-in-law, Gerald Brutlag of Watseka, IL, and Robert Jackson of Papineau, IL. Additionally, Cecilia leaves behind numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary Stalnecker; her father- and mother-in-law, Elvin and Sena Brutlag; husband, Norman Brutlag; granddaughter, Sarah Kay Abrassart; two brothers, Earl and George Stalnecker; four sisters-in-law, Cheryl Stalnecker, Joyce Bullock, Elaine Brutlag, and Judy Jackson; and eight brothers-in-law, Lester Kort, Donald Jones, Dean Reynolds, LuVern Brutlag, Richard Brutlag, Kenneth Brutlag, Royce Bullock, and Bob Mowrey.

A visitation will be held at Jensen Funeral Home in Kankakee from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2025, with services beginning at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Anne Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Kankakee Pregnancy Resource Center, PO Box 1952, Kankakee, IL 60901.

Cemetery Details

St. Anne Cemetery

6917-6965 S. 7000 E. Road
St. Anne, IL 60964

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Service

OCT 4. 11:30 AM (CT)

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3639 EAST State Route 17
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Burial

OCT 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne Township Cemetery
6917-6965 S 7000 E Rd
St. Anne, IL 60964

Tribute Wall



“ Joe And Barbara Geisler lit a candle in memory of Cecilia Brutlag



Joe and Barbara Geisler - October 04, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecilia Brutlag.



October 03, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ Mauricio and Vanessa Cruz purchased the Count ry Basket Blooms for the family of Cecilia Brutlag.



Mauricio and Vanessa Cruz - October 02, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecilia Brutlag.



October 02, 2025 at 12:06 PM

LM

“ Lois M. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Cecilia Brutlag.



Lois M. - September 29, 2025 at 07:38 PM

ST

“ Stephan & Teagen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Cecilia Brutlag.



Stephan & Teagen - September 25, 2025 at 08:30 PM

KL

“ Kenny / Kathy Luedtke lit a candle in memory of Cecilia Brutlag



Kenny / Kathy Luedtke - September 22, 2025 at 04:06 PM



“ Joanna Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Cecilia Brutlag



Joanna Mitchell - September 17, 2025 at 07:31 PM

WZ

“ I'm so sorry to hear this!! "Decilia" as Donita called her when we were in high school and I go back over 65 years. So many memories!! We used to come home from school and take Donita for a ride in her stroller. Then Cecilia was the first one in our group of friends to get her driver's license. We would pool the change we had in our purses, put gas in the car and cruise around town. In more recent years, it was always great to connect with her when we visited First Baptist Church in St. Anne. I remember her helping serve the funeral dinner for my dad ten years ago. She was a very good friend!!

Wanda Dykstra Reid Zander - September 17, 2025 at 03:09 PM

MB

“ Mary Blum lit a candle in memory of Cecilia Brutlag



Mary Blum - September 17, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ Wonderful neighbor.. and friend

Lana White - September 17, 2025 at 01:11 PM

PS

She was great neighbor and friend

Patsy Stevenson - September 17, 2025 at 01:38 PM

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She was great neighbor and friend always had a beautiful smile

Patsy Stevenson - September 17, 2025 at 01:39 PM