



## Donna Blanche Stevens Manns

August 17, 1922 - October 25, 2009

Donna Blanche Stevens Manns, age 87 of Bourbonnais, IL, formerly of Rensselaer, IN and Manchester, TN, passed away at her home Sunday, October 25, 2009 after an eight month illness. Donna was born August 17, 1922 in Virgie, Indiana, the daughter of the late Richard and Blanche (McDaniel) Gasaway. Ms. Manns was a longtime resident of Rensselaer, before moving to Tennessee for 15 years, then to Bourbonnais, IL where she resided with her daughter. She graduated from Fair Oaks High School where she was a cheerleader. On June 22, 1940 she married Vernon (Bud) Stevens who passed away March 26, 1972. Donna and Bud owned and operated the Soft Spray Car Wash on the north edge of Rensselaer and also ran a corn shelling and trucking business. She enjoyed playing bingo, working crossword puzzles and was an avid Chicago White Sox fan. Surviving are three sons and daughter-in-laws, Jerry (Nancy) of Rensselaer, Richard (Kay) of Arlington, TX and Max (Linda) of Rensselaer; two daughters and one son-in-law, Dixie Bentz of Hurst, TX and Sue (Richard) Longtin of Bourbonnais, IL; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM.

Graveside

# Tribute Wall



“ sorry to hear about her death-but if you can't live a quality of life-it's not worth living-as long as i can run the streets i'm going to. i would like to hear from dixie-my other computer crashed-so lost alot. my prayers go to all###imported-begin###sharon berenda###imported-end##

October 29, 2009 at 01:48 PM



“ I have wonderful childhood memories of our family visits to the farm and Aunt Donna talking and laughing in the kitchen. Many times we would come to vist just for the day and she would talk my dad and mom into staying the night. My deepest sympathy to you all. I'm sure she will be greatly missed.###imported-begin###Barbara (Terpstra) Cunningham###imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 11:48 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss.###imported-begin###Sean Nurnberg###imported-end##

October 27, 2009 at 05:00 PM



“ Dixie & Family: Sorry to hear of your loss, but since it was inevitable, I'm glad she is not suffering any longer. I will remember y'all Thursday during the service.

Love, Geneva###imported-begin###Geneva Zuber###imported-end##

October 27, 2009 at 04:05 PM



“ As the youngest of Paul Terpstra's daughters, I remember going to Aunt Donna & Uncle Bud's farm as a child. For some reason, my memory (like my sister Bev Gall's) is of eating fried chicken and many other great foods, as well as watching the Wizard of Oz. I took my dad to visit her about 10 years ago, and as always.....she had to cook for us! She never changed. Although I had not seen her in over 20 years, she still looked just like she does in this photo. May she be eternally blessed and rest in peace.##imported-begin##Nancy (Terpstra) Casey##imported-end##

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October 27, 2009 at 03:08 PM



“ What a lovely lady!  
I was blessed to know her for the short time that I did.  
How we prayed for an easy transition to the Lord, and prayers were answered! Now I pray for peace for her family especially for her daughter, my friend Sue.  
Peace be with you.##imported-begin##Cheryl Kucer##imported-end##

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October 27, 2009 at 01:00 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of your family. I always loved visiting when I was a child. Aunt Donna made the best fried chicken. In later years after my Dad(Sonny) reconnected with her, I enjoyed taking him to see her when he would visit me. Aunt Donna was a beautiful, vibrant, no non-sense woman who will forever be in my memories.##imported-begin##Beverly Gall##imported-end##

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October 27, 2009 at 12:46 PM



“ *I am extremely saddened to learn of the death of Aunt Donna. She never stopped being my aunt. My condolences to her family. She was a wonderful lady. Rest in Peace Aunt Donna May.##imported-begin##Candy Manns Spaniol##imported-end##*

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October 26, 2009 at 04:25 PM