



Eva A. Prater

October 15, 1957 - December 2, 2025

Eva A. (Loback) Prater, age 68 years, a resident of Anna and a former resident of Buncombe, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 1:26 A.M. at Mercy Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Eva was born October 15, 1957 in San Diego, California. She was the daughter of Charles W. and Mary Lee (Girtman) Loback.

On December 30, 1973, Eva was united in marriage to Dennis J. Prater at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Buncombe. He survives.

In addition to her husband, Eva is also survived by: her children – Jason (Nicole) Prater of Anna, Illinois and Jenny Prater of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; 5 granddaughters; 1 grandson; a sister – Kimberly (Michael) Jones of Winston- Salem, North Carolina; and 2 nephews. Brother-in-law Dewaine (Joyce) Prater of Anna, six nephews - Brian Bruno, Bruce Bruno, David (Kim) Prater and family, Jim Prater and family, Daniel (Patricia) Prater and Billy Wayne (Jeanna) Stearns and family.

Eva was preceded in death by: her parents – Charles W. Loback and Mary Lee Loback Farmer, sister-in-law - Linda (Bill) Stearns.

Eva was a 1975 graduate of Vienna High School. In her youth, Eva was

employed by the Good Luck Glove Factory as well as a grocery store both located in Vienna. Later, she worked as a re-stocker in the health & beauty department, as well as a greeter, at the Anna Wal-Mart. For eight years, Eva was employed as a teacher's aide at the Lincoln Elementary School in Anna.

In her spare time, Eva enjoyed sewing and crochet. She also enjoyed reading and visiting with family and friends on Facebook.

She was a member of Anna Heights Baptist Church, where she had formerly taught in the Sunday School department.

A service honoring the life of Eva Prater will be conducted Monday afternoon, December 8, 2025, at 2 P.M. at Anna Heights Baptist Church, 100 Turner Avenue, Anna, Illinois, Pastor Darryl Williams will officiate.

Interment will be in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, east of Buncombe.

Visitation will be held Monday afternoon, December 8, 2025, from 12 Noon until the time of the service at 2 P.M. at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Anna Heights Baptist Church (Youth Fund), 100 Turner Avenue, Anna, Illinois 62906.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Cemetery

Buncombe, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Anna Heights Baptist Church
100 Turner Ave
Anna, IL 62906-2115
(618) 833-5916

Service

DEC 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Anna Heights Baptist Church
100 Turner Avenue
Anna, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Randy And Patty Jackson lit a candle in memory of Eva A. Prater



Randy and Patty Jackson - December 17, 2025 at 11:34 AM



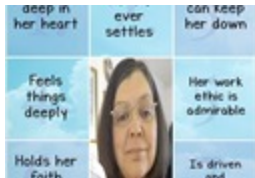
“ Randy And Patty Jackson lit a candle in memory of Eva A. Prater



Randy and Patty Jackson - December 17, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Kimberly Jones - December 05, 2025 at 04:27 PM

AJ

“ Alex, Jessica, Philip, and Ethan Jones purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Eva A. Prater.



Alex, Jessica, Philip, and Ethan Jones - December 04, 2025 at 03:25 PM

AJ

“ Alex, Jessica, Philip, and Ethan Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva A. Prater.

Alex, Jessica, Philip, and Ethan Jones - December 04, 2025 at 03:25 PM

GW

“ Dennis, I am very saddened to learn of Eva's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Greg Walker - December 04, 2025 at 01:54 PM

MB

“ Michael, Kimberly, Brian, and Bruce planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva A. Prater.

Michael, Kimberly, Brian, and Bruce - December 04, 2025 at 12:33 PM

MB

“ *Michael, Kimberly, Brian, and Bruce purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Eva A. Prater.*



Michael, Kimberly, Brian, and Bruce - December 04, 2025 at 12:33 PM

LC

“ *Dianna are very sorry for your loss. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

Larry Choate - December 04, 2025 at 11:08 AM

OD

“ *Old friends, Ruthie and Linnie Denham purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eva A. Prater.*



Old friends, Ruthie and Linnie Denham - December 04, 2025 at 10:41 AM

GG

“ *I send my deepest condolences for the passing of Dear Eva and all the quiet connectedness we shared and will continue to share in this abundant river of memories and light. Prayers unabated. Blessings.*
Galen Garwood

Galen Garwood - December 04, 2025 at 03:42 AM

LW

“ Dennis and Eva Prater pastored Union Springs Baptist Church when our kids were young. I remembered Jason and his sister, so when we found ourselves at Anna Heights I cudnt believe Jason was attending there. He didn't believe I knew him, but later Eva confirmed my tale was true. He has turned his life completely around and it's all because a mother prayed.

Lydia Williams - December 03, 2025 at 10:07 PM

FB

“ Eva was a very special lady. I met her when Jason and my some Tommy were in school. She was Tommy's 2nd mom. She always had kind words and will be missed by many. God bless you Jason, Jenny and Dennis. My thoughts and prayers are with you through this very hard time. Love you.



Frankie Brimm-Romero - December 03, 2025 at 08:29 PM

LT

“ I attended church for many years with Eva and Dennis at Anna Heights Baptist Church. For the past several years, they have been wonderful and caring neighbors to my parents in Anna. She was a wonderful person and will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Lisa Tripp



Lisa Tripp - December 03, 2025 at 06:48 PM

KA

“ *My sincere sympathy & prayers for Eva’s family.*



Kathy(Black)Holt - December 03, 2025 at 02:51 PM

DC

Eva & I worked together at Lincoln Elementary School for many years. She was a sweet loving woman. She was an excellent worker & the students loved her.

Eva was a strong Christian. Her faith carried her through many situations. She was a wonderful witness for the Lord.

Darlene Crews - December 03, 2025 at 06:22 PM

CE

“ *Eva was a young woman when we met. She was working at Choate Mental Health. She was wishing for children. Eva was always such a sweet, kind person. She took care of my son Kyle for a couple years in her home. She made him one of her children, called him her pasty face boy. I never had to worry because I knew he was with someone who loved him. That is something a Mom never forgets. Eva has always had a very special place in our hearts as well as Jason. We pray for comfort for all her loved ones. God made her special and she is with him now, she has earned her wings. We will always keep her in our hearts until we see her in heaven.*

Charlotte Echols - December 03, 2025 at 01:33 PM

SS

“ Susie Huckelberry Smith lit a candle in memory of Eva A. Prater



Susie Huckelberry Smith - December 03, 2025 at 01:22 PM

JT

“ Jack Thornton lit a candle in memory of Eva A. Prater



Jack Thornton - December 02, 2025 at 08:37 PM

NB

“ Nancy (Paxton) Breeden lit a candle in memory of Eva A. Prater



Nancy (Paxton) Breeden - December 02, 2025 at 06:26 PM

PM

“ Phillip Morris lit a candle in memory of Eva A. Prater



Phillip Morris - December 02, 2025 at 06:18 PM

BJ

“ *BARBARA JEFFRESS lit a candle in memory of Eva A. Prater*



BARBARA JEFFRESS - December 02, 2025 at 06:12 PM

BC

“ *So sorry to hear of Eva's passing.* 🙏



Bob and Kim Collins - December 02, 2025 at 04:04 PM