



## Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion

October 20, 1926 - November 10, 2013

Lillian Ruth Trovillion was the youngest of the five children born to Joseph L. and Jennie Etta (Estes) Leist. Her birth in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois, on October 20, 1926 was at the home of her maternal grandparents, John and Loania Estes.

Ruth departed this life Sunday afternoon, November 10, 2013 at 12:35 PM at Southgate Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Metropolis, Illinois.

Raised in Vienna, Ruth attended Vienna Grade School and Vienna Township High School. Her graduation was from Anna-Jonesboro High School, class of 1944. At that time, she was residing with her sister, Josephine, while her brother-in-law, Luther, was serving in the U.S. armed forces in Europe during World War II.

On June 14, 1945, Ruth was married to John Paul "J.P." Trovillion of Vienna. His birthdate was December 5, 1923 in Grantsburg, Illinois. He had served with the U.S. Marines during World War II and was honorably discharged on March 9, 1945. Their marriage was a double ceremony with J.P.'s cousin, James M. Walker and Ruth Elizabeth Casper at the Vienna First United Methodist Church. J.P. preceded her in death on July 7, 1999.

Ruth is survived by her son Jay Paul Trovillion of Vienna, a granddaughter Addie Trovillion, and a sister Josephine Davis of Anna, Illinois.

In addition to her parents and husband, Ruth was preceded in death by a brother William F. Leist and 2 sisters Dorothy M. Willyard Jones and Mary A. Hensley.

Ruth was formerly employed at the Johnson County Abstract Office, Veterans office and the Vienna Times newspaper office. J.P. held various jobs, then operated a bread route for many years. In October 1960, they purchased a grocery store in Vienna. "J.P. and Ruth's Market" was a successful small business for almost 15 years. J.P. then became a food supervisor at the Vienna Correctional Center. He retired on December 31, 1988. Ruth worked as a clerk in the Johnson County Clerk's office for one year and then accepted a position with Drover's Bank in 1978, where she continued to work until her retirement.

Ruth was a devoted member of the Vienna First United Methodist Church, where she had been active in the faith fellowship and enjoyed working in the Faith Alive ministry.

Ruth enjoyed flower gardening. She and J.P. are fondly remembered for their love of ballroom dancing and for working in their yard.

Friends may call Wednesday evening, November 13, 2013, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Private interment will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Vienna First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1349, Vienna, IL 62995 or to the American Parkinson Disease Association, Midwest Chapter, 1800 N. Main St., Suite 215, Wheaton, IL 60187.



# Cemetery Details

## Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street  
Vienna, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *LaRay Capron lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion*



**LaRay Capron** - December 09, 2013 at 12:56 PM



*I loved Ms Ruth so much!! I loved having the honor of taking care of her as her nurse..VNA TIP. We had some good talks!! I know she is in heaven!!*

**LaRay Capron** - December 09, 2013 at 12:57 PM



“ *My Aunt Ruth & Uncle JP were loving, generous, humorous and always ready to help any of us. Uncle JP loved to say , "Spots on the Sheets" by I.P. Nightly. Together, they were a truly loving & devoted couple. Our "Trovillion" family shared Thanksgiving, X-mas, family reunions, and tragedies. I feel so proud and lucky to have had those experiences and have my memories. Linda, Jay Paul, Paul, Scott and myself are the only cousins left from John & Irma Trovillion's children. My mother, Lora Hunsaker, is the last surviving child from that union. She will be 85 next week. Aunt Ruth is now with all of those we have loved and lost. All of them reside in our hearts and memories. Mary Jaye Hunsaker*

**Mary Jaye Hunsaker Faulkner** - November 15, 2013 at 08:43 AM

CT

“ Carl Thorne lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion



Carl Thorne - November 14, 2013 at 11:39 AM

NB

“ I thought so much of Ruth I got close to her many years ago I also did her hair for a long time she will be sadly missed by us all



NANCY BELFORD - November 13, 2013 at 12:27 PM

SP

“ Ruth has and always will be such a special lady to me and my family. She was a true lady in every sense: filled with grace, humor, beauty, dedication, and love. Nancy and I have had the great gift to share in her life's journey. We will miss her dearly.

Sarah L. Porter

sarah I porter - November 13, 2013 at 11:33 AM

LW

“ What a wonderful lady and a friend to my parents. Her smile will be missed and her sweet disposition should be envied by all.  
Linda Shetler Weatherford



Linda Shetler Weatherford - November 13, 2013 at 08:07 AM

RH

“ *She was a wonderful Lady, a pleasure to be with and a wonderful Election Judge..*

Robin Harper-Whitehead - November 12, 2013 at 05:54 PM

BS

“ *Brook Shoemaker lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion*



Brook Shoemaker - November 12, 2013 at 04:16 PM

LA

“ *What a true Lady, Miss Ruth. Her smiles and graciousness remain with us. Lula Ann*

Lula Ann - November 12, 2013 at 02:01 PM

MH

“ *I will miss this lovely lady so much! What a treasure she was to all of us at VUMC! I was blessed by her love and friendship, and loved worshiping and serving with her. Ruth was a wonderful witness for Christ.*



Mecca Helm - November 12, 2013 at 08:49 AM

CC

“ I will miss you very much but now you are with J P you will always be with me and never be forgotten . You were a very special friend of my mother and dad. My prayers are with Jay Paul and Addi Love Carol Ann



Carol Cheek - November 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

PP

“ Pat And Davis Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion



Pat and Davis Prewitt - November 11, 2013 at 10:21 PM

BM

“ Becky Mercer lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion



Becky Mercer - November 11, 2013 at 09:37 PM

SJ

“ Shot And Alice Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion



Shot and Alice Jeffords - November 11, 2013 at 04:53 PM

DB

“ I left Vienna many years ago, but was fortunate to go on a trip to Daytona Beach 8 years ago with my mom, Janet Herron, my sister, Trudy Herron Jacobs, 2 others, and Ruth. We had a blast! I will always have fond memories of Ruth from our trip together!!  
Donna Herron Bertsch

Donna Bertsch - November 11, 2013 at 02:30 PM

GJ

“ Gerald (Gerry) Hall Jr. lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion



Gerald (Gerry) Hall Jr. - November 11, 2013 at 01:29 PM

Karen Okazaki

“ Karen Okazaki lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion



Karen Okazaki - November 11, 2013 at 01:17 PM

HV

“ Harold & Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion



Harold & Georgia Vinson - November 11, 2013 at 11:02 AM

BT

“ *Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion*



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**Becky Turley** - November 11, 2013 at 07:43 AM

RO

“ *Richard And Joan Owen lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion*



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**Richard and Joan Owen** - November 11, 2013 at 06:12 AM

RS

“ *Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion*



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**Richard & Vickey Swiney** - November 10, 2013 at 10:31 PM

DM

“ *Don Meeks lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion*



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**Don Meeks** - November 10, 2013 at 10:07 PM

DM

*Ruth was a beautiful person and a real friend. Irreplaceable. My prayers are with her family, friends and Vienna First UMC.*

**Don Meeks** - November 10, 2013 at 10:10 PM

RG

“ Roy And Janet Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion



**Roy and Janet Gilbert** - November 10, 2013 at 09:46 PM

GW

“ Greg & Denise Wasuleski lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion



**Greg & Denise Wasuleski** - November 10, 2013 at 09:00 PM

CC

“ Ruth has know me since I was a little girl an she was our bookkeeper at ms porter I will never forget her she was such a amazing sweet woman that had a big heart very independent person too I admire her for that she will be missed an never forgotten she will always be in my heart prayers too the family during this time i still have the keychain an scar an gloves she got me love ya all rip Ruth god gained another angel

**carla grant c** - November 10, 2013 at 08:37 PM

LH

“ *Lorie Trovillion Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion*



**Lorie Trovillion Hawkins** - November 10, 2013 at 07:51 PM

TA

“ *Terry Anderson lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion*



**Terry Anderson** - November 10, 2013 at 07:19 PM



“ *Valerie Lynne lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion*



**Valerie Lynne** - November 10, 2013 at 06:54 PM

JR

“ *Jim & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion*



**Jim & Diane Rainbolt** - November 10, 2013 at 06:48 PM

RD

“ Rodger And Kathy Davis lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion



Rodger and Kathy Davis - November 10, 2013 at 06:35 PM

RH

“ Rob And Cindy Havens lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion



Rob and Cindy Havens - November 10, 2013 at 04:49 PM



“ Angie Martin lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion



Angie Martin - November 10, 2013 at 04:03 PM

NH

“ I worked with Ruth at The Vienna Times while I was still in HS in 1952. She was such a lovely lady. We rolled dice in the morning and afternoon to see who would pay for our coke and candy bar. She would bring the dice around and then run over to the grocery store for our treats. Always a smile and helping hand to the "newbie".

Norma Hodge - November 10, 2013 at 03:37 PM

RB

“ *Rich And Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion*



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**Rich and Karen Brumley** - November 10, 2013 at 03:08 PM

RB

*RIP Ms Ruth. I will miss seeing your smile in the hallway at Southgate. Such a sweet lady.*

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**Rich and Karen Brumley** - November 10, 2013 at 03:10 PM

JH

“ *Jack And Jackie Harper lit a candle in memory of Lillian "Ruth" Trovillion*



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**Jack and Jackie Harper** - November 10, 2013 at 02:59 PM