



## Jo Ann Long Collins

February 22, 1935 - January 7, 2014

Jo Ann (Long) Collins, 78, of Rockford died at home surrounded by her family after a long illness on January 7, 2014. She was born on February 22, 1935 in Platteville, WI, daughter of Rex and Mildred (Kenny) Long. Graduate of Platteville High School. Married Bruce Collins on September 5, 1953 at St. Mary's Church in Platteville. Jo Ann was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and was devoted to her family throughout her entire life. Jo Ann created an atmosphere of fun and laughter in her home. She loved to tell jokes and was the life of the party. Her death leaves a great void in the lives of those who knew and loved her. She was formerly a member of St. Peter's Cathedral, where she participated in the choir and bridge club. She also enjoyed playing cards and bowling. Survived by her husband, Bruce; children: Jeff (Barb Hoffman) Collins of Spokane, WA; Jackie (William) Benzel of Roscoe; Steve (Anna) Collins of Azusa, CA; Tim (Veronica) Collins of Normal, IL; Katie (Mike) Lang of Rockford; Charlie Collins of Rockford; 19 grandchildren: Courtney, Andrew, Jon, Beth, Laura, Caroline, Rob, Kim, Stephanie, Sarah, Becky, Rachel, Ben, Nick, Hannah, Natalie, Mandie, Shaun, and Tim; 3 great-grandchildren; sister, Ruth Blankenberg of Plattville, WI; sister-in-laws, June Long of Platteville; Agnes Long of Menasha, WI; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Tom, John and Larry Long. Memorial Service Saturday, January 11, 2014 at noon at First Evangelical Free Church, 2223 North Mulford, Rockford. Memorial Visitation at 11 a.m. until the time of service. Rev. Chuck Rife will

officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. To share a memory or condolence, visit [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation Rites will be accorded**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Evangelical Free Church  
2223 North Mulford Road  
Rockford, IL 61107

### Service

JAN 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Katie and Family-*

*We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom and grandma. Although we didn't know her personally, she sounds like a wonderful person and an amazing, fun mom/grandma. You have an abundance of memorial moments to treasure.*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers-  
Love, Larry and Sylvia*

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**Sylvia Lang** - January 11, 2014 at 10:01 AM