



## Bernice K. Kral

January 21, 1922 - May 3, 2020

Age 98, of Wilmington, IL passed away Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the Timbers of Shorewood. Born January 21, 1922 in Joliet, IL to the late Bernard and Rose (nee Cinotto) Calahan. Bernice graduated from the Reed-Custer High School in Braidwood, with the class of 1940. She lived in Wilmington with her late husband, Jim for over seventy years and they were members of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. They both loved to travel and spent 19 years wintering in Arizona. Bernice's greatest enjoyment was traveling, but she also enjoyed baking and listening to music, especially from the Big Band era. She was a proud homemaker and was very active with the girl scouts for many years. Bernice loved being a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she will be greatly missed by them all. Surviving are two daughters, Rosann Bonselaar of Wheaton, IL and Frances Strader of Chicago, IL; seven grandchildren, Angela (Richard) Schaefer, Aaron Fox, Anthony (Alicia) Fox, Ashely (Phil) Strader-Penton, Kory (Diane) Bonselaar, Sean (Dana) Bonselaar, and Brian (Amy) Bonselaar; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, James Edward Kral (2/20/2014), whom she married October 22, 1942 in Braidwood; and one sister, Frances (the late Willard) Blanchette. Cremation rites have been accorded. Inurnment in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL will be held at a later date. R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to Transitions

Hospice: [www.transitionshospice.com](http://www.transitionshospice.com) or the charity of your choice. For more information and to visit her online guestbook, please log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## **Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery**

20953 W. Hoff Rd.  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Tribute Wall

AL

“ I am so glad I was able to know Bernice and help take care of her when I worked at the Timbers . She always made me smile and laugh and loved to share stories/ memories with me. I have many memories of her that I will never forget . She will truly be missed . Her children and family are all in my prayers❤️🙏

Amy Larkin - May 14, 2020 at 11:49 PM

AO

“ Bernice was such a delight to get to know. She was so sweet and kind. I loved to watch her during entertainment, she would always have a huge smile and be tapping her toes. I am blessed to have known her. She will be deeply missed.

Amy Odell(Timbers) - May 09, 2020 at 04:46 PM

TF

“ We just tried to call her and check on her today open the Wilmington paper tonight and see her face ,we are so sorry to read this John and me will miss her smile and story's she would tell us ,I will miss her very much please except our condolences we loved her,Terry and John hair dressers from the Timbers.❤️

Terry Frattini - May 07, 2020 at 07:39 PM

SB

“ So many wonderful memories of Aunt Bernice and Uncle Jim.  
RIP lovely lady.

sue bach - May 07, 2020 at 07:33 AM

NL

“ *She is a lovely women that is for sure*



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**nicole lowry** - May 06, 2020 at 03:19 PM

DG

“ *Fran and all of Bernice's family,  
We are so sorry you have lost Bernice. She certainly was the rock  
of your family,  
Our deepest sympathy,  
Deb & Max Glass*

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**Deb Glass** - May 06, 2020 at 12:18 PM

VF

“ *Jim eagerly welcomed her home! I dearly loved  
your parents, they were one of a kind, a love  
story like we don't often get to see. My deepest  
sympathy to each of you, so many wonderful  
memories to help you through the days ahead,  
but knowing they are once again together must  
bring comfort. Love each of you!*




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**Valerie Fox** - May 06, 2020 at 07:59 AM

JM

“ *What a loss of a beautiful lady. I have so many memories over the years that I couldn't begin to list them. She will always have a special place in my heart. Our deepest sympathy to Rosann and Frances and their families. Our prayers go out to all. Love - Jean Rae ad Joe*

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**Jean Macaluso** - May 05, 2020 at 02:38 PM

 Julie  
loanou  
Mass

“ *Julie loanou Mass lit a candle in memory of Bernice K. Kral*



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**Julie loanou Mass** - May 05, 2020 at 01:37 PM

DD

*I've known Bernice all my life. Her mom, Rose Callahan was my great aunt, Mary Sheridan's best friend. Bernice and Jim were very excited about Braidwood's Museum. They donated a couple papers and a photo of Jim in his WWII uniform. I also knew her daughter, Rosann. My sympathy to Rosann and all the family.*

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**Dee (King) deGroh** - May 05, 2020 at 02:14 PM

AF

*So sorry for your loss. I remember the banana fritters she would make for our parents and us at the card playing events. Good memories.*

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**Alice Faletti** - May 07, 2020 at 12:41 PM

SL

*I've known Bernice & Jim, Rosann & Fran since I was in kindergarten, if not before. My parents lived behind them in Northcrest. The four of them were great friends throughout their lives. Food wise I remember, well all of her good cooking, but loved her polenta dinners & her Bagna Cauda. The last few years of her life brought Bernice & I closer together. My mom & Bernice would always talk to check up on how each were doing. After my mom passed, I took over the pattern with Bernice & I chatting about life & all the good times from the past. Loved when they were in AZ for the winters, which enabled me to get together with Rosann & Fran too. She was a wonderful person and loved her family beyond life itself. God Bless her. And to the girls & their families, death is difficult to those left behind, but rejoice that she is exactly where she wanted to be at this point in her life. As she would tell me " with God, His angels & saints and her beloved Jim". Rest in Peace sweet lady!*

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**Sheila Long** - May 11, 2020 at 12:20 PM