



## Isabelle Kathryn Turner

May 2, 1930 - July 7, 2014

Isabelle Turner  
(nee Mulligan)

Age 84, of Braidwood, IL, passed away Monday, July 7, 2014 at Alden Estates Rehabilitation Facility, Barrington, IL. Born May 2, 1930 in Braidwood, IL to the late Hugh and Lucy (nee Vaira) Mulligan. Isabelle "Belle" retired in 1995 from Fossil Ridge Library in Braidwood, IL. She also served as a copywriter and frequent columnist for The Braidwood Journal. Belle spent a lifetime in service to the community and church. In 1991, she was named Catholic Woman of the Year by the Immaculate Conception Church (ICC); in 1994, she was awarded ICC's Parishioner of the Year. In 1995, she received the Community Builder's Award by the Masonic Lodge. In 2001, in recognition for a lifetime of service, the Office of the Illinois Lieutenant Governor presented her the Illinois Woman of Achievement Award in a ceremony at City Hall.

Belle was a founder of the Braidwood Senior Citizens Group. In 1975, she established Braidwood's Annual Winter Clothing Drive. In 1981, she founded the Braidwood Food Fund, a seminal organization for the community helping those less fortunate. Isabelle and her helpers ran this organization until the onset of her illness in 2007.

Other organizations to which Isabelle volunteered her time include Audio

Books Delivery Service (blind), American Lung Association, (original) Braidwood Public Library, Braidwood Public Schools, ICC catechism classes, interfaith catechism classes, ICC (organist, guitarist, cantor – over 50 years), Interfaith Choir, Joliet Catholic Academy (JCA) fundraising, JCA Jubilation (singing and dancing), Kuzma Care Cottage Food Pantry (Wilmington), Medical Testing, Patterson Funeral Home (organist and past music director) and Sister Act (performer).

Clubs and organizations of which she was a member include Catholic Charities (Joliet Diocese), Council of Catholic Women, Fabulous Forties Reunion Committee, Family Care Group, Friends of the (Fossil Ridge) Library, Kindergarten Mothers' Club, PTA and PTO.

Surviving are four children, Dennis (Susan) Turner of Cleveland, TN, Maureen (Frank) Perruca of Braidwood, Timothy (Kimberly) Turner of Chicago, IL, and Kathleen Turner of Naperville, IL; one brother, Hugh (Judy) Mulligan of Coal City, IL; seven grandchildren, Melissa (Brad) Wagner, Megan (Will) Martin, Kelly Stevens, Dylan Turner, Vanessa (Mark) Prinz, Sara (Tony) Heiserman, and Dr. Amanda Marma; eight great grandchildren; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Joann Turner of Geneseo, IL; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceding her in death was her husband, Donald, a WWII veteran awarded two Bronze Stars, to whom she was married 62 years until his passing at age 90 on December 25, 2013; one brother, John Mulligan; and two sisters, Irene Gomora and Mary Erwin.

The visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Thursday, July 10, 2014, from 6:00-9:00pm. Funeral services will be Friday, July 11, 2014 from the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. to the Immaculate Conception Church, in Braidwood, for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Steve Bondi officiating. Interment will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in her name

may be directed to the National MS Society or to a fund or charity of the donor's choice. For more information and to sign her online guestbook, please log onto [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 10. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
[info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

## Service

JUL 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Church  
110 South School Street  
Braidwood, IL 60408

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Dear Maureen and Frank,

*Sincere sympathy to you and you families ... May the memories you have of Isabelle bring you comfort.... God bless everyone.*

*Cousins, Jack and Ann Bates*

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**ann bates** - July 11, 2014 at 01:41 PM

DM

“ Dennis, Sue, and family,  
Wishing to express my sincere sympathy in your loss and to let you know that my thoughts are with you at this time of grieving. May you take comfort in knowing there is one more angel above us.  
Sincerely,  
Dawn



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**Dawn Martel** - July 10, 2014 at 12:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Isabelle Kathryn Turner.



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July 09, 2014 at 01:02 PM

JT

“ Dennis/Maureen/Tim/Kathleen - A Mother like yours is more than a memory. She is a living presence that neither time nor death can take away. May peace follow you all in the days ahead.

*Joel & Christy Trevino*

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**Joel Trevino** - July 09, 2014 at 12:50 PM

JS

“ Dennis, Maureen, Tim and Kate-  
Your Mom was a great person to have known. From the many years we worked together at the Fossil Ridge Library to the years we sang together at Church, Belle was a positive force. May she rest in peace.

*Peace & prayers,  
John Slanicky*

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**John Slanicky** - July 08, 2014 at 11:36 PM

ME

“ Dennis, Maureen, Kathleen, and Tim:

*I have such fond memories of family get-togethers with all of you. Your mom and dad were very special people. I have always had a "soft spot" in my heart for your mom. She was a pure spirit of happiness, always joyful.*

*My sincere condolences to all of you at this sad time.*

*Mike Erwin*

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**Mike Erwin** - July 08, 2014 at 10:55 PM

MC

*Dennis, Maureen, Kathleen and Tim;  
Sorry we can't make it to your Mother's service. But remember Belle well and all she did for the Church and community. I worked with her for many years at the Church, She never said 'no' when asked to do something. She was proud of her family.*

*May Peace be with her and her family.*

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**M.J. and D.L. Crosman** - July 10, 2014 at 09:00 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Isabelle Kathryn Turner.*



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July 08, 2014 at 10:47 PM

TD

“ *Tim Duran lit a candle in memory of Isabelle Kathryn Turner*



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**Tim Duran** - July 08, 2014 at 09:16 PM

ST

“ *I have such wonderful memories of the time that Isabelle and I spent together at Fossil Ridge. She and I would discuss and solve all the problems of the day while she worked at her desk and I faxed library news to the various newspapers. I miss her at mass and she is often there, in spirit, helping me sing. I'm so sorry that I cannot be with you at this time. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Susan Trimby*

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**Susan Trimby** - July 08, 2014 at 07:06 PM

MP

“ *Dennis, Maureen, Tim and Kathleen and families ~*

*May the memories of your mom that you hold close in your heart  
bring you peace and comfort.*

*Thoughts and prayers to all of you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mary Ellen Pellack-Gramera*

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**Mary Ellen Pellack-Gramera** - July 08, 2014 at 03:48 PM

RH

“ *Dear Dennis, Sue and family,  
May God bless all of you and give you the  
love and strength to see you through this time  
and forever.*

*With love and prayers,*

*Thomas & Rhonda Hazlett*



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**Rhonda Hazlett** - July 08, 2014 at 12:42 PM

DK

“ *Dear Maureen and Kathleen and Families,  
Jim and I send our sympathies on the passing of your  
mother/grandmother. May you be reminded of God's promises to  
His people and comforted by His peace. Hugs to all.*  
*Deb and Jim Krugler*

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**Debbie Krugler** - July 08, 2014 at 08:48 AM

KF

“ *Maureen,  
So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your mom was such a lady. I will always remember her fondness and yours for our Emily and giving her the chance to sing at church. Those were good memories! Love you all.*



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**Kathleen French** - July 08, 2014 at 08:47 AM

CR

“ *Dennis & Sue:  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Curt & Nancy*

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**Curt Richards** - July 08, 2014 at 06:13 AM

JK

“ *Dennis and your family I sorry to hear about the pasting of you mother. My prayers are with you at this time.*

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**Jim Kupczak** - July 08, 2014 at 05:27 AM