



## Roberta "Bobbie" Lea Johnson

May 27, 1929 - December 20, 2023

Roberta "Bobbie" Lea Johnson, 94, of Springfield, Illinois, formerly of Manito and Petersburg, Illinois, passed away on December 20, 2023, at Springfield Memorial Hospital. She was born May 27, 1929, in Manito to Ernest Albert and Hazel Irene (Tackman) Beebe.

For the last 10 years, Bobbie was a resident of Concordia Village, where she remained active in the Senior Living Community, serving on the Welcome and Scholarship committees and leading the Ladies Discussion Group. She loved and treasured her friends, neighbors, and the wonderful staff at Concordia.

Bobbie attended Laurel United Methodist Church. She, and her late husband Gene, owned and operated Gene's Food Stores located in Manito, Petersburg, Bloomington and Pontiac, Illinois. She was the first female to serve on the board of directors for the National Association of Retail Grocers US, honored to have her name published in the "Who's Who Book of American Women", and earned the rank of Worthy Matron as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Bobbie also served on the board of the First National Bank in Petersburg. She was a Mason County Lady Landowners member, civic-minded, and always eager to be of help to others. She will be missed by many.

Bobbie is survived by her children, Brad (Christine) Marquardt of Fort Myers,

Florida, Richard (Lori) Marquardt of Springfield, Ginger (Larry) Rickmann of Petersburg and Jennifer (Jeffrey) Adkins of Makanda, Illinois; her grandchildren, Shane Marquardt, Melissa (Tim) Groh, Stacy (Mark) Shepard, Courtney (Shirley) Marquardt, Christopher (Chelsea) Marquardt, J. Travis (Darcy) Woodrum, Tasha Woodrum, Adelaide and Carson Adkins; her great grandchildren, Ella Shepard, Samuel, Brooklyn, and Sadie Groh, Aiden and Brianna Woodrum, and Kaylie, Chandler, Sophia, Kenzie, Cole, Carley Marquardt, and Great-Great granddaughter Magnolia Marquardt.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gene Marquardt; her partner, Ahto Saviste; and sister, Greta Alexander.

A visitation will be held on Friday, January 5, 2024, at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 am with Reverend Kent Lolling officiating. There will be a graveside service following the funeral service at Meadow Lawn Cemetery in Manito, Illinois, beginning at 1:30 pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chaddock Children's Foundation, 205 South 24th St, Quincy, Illinois 62301.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Bobbie's family with arrangements. Please visit her online obituary, [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com), where you may share memories and condolences with her family.

# Cemetery Details

## Meadow Lawn Cemetery

801 E. Meadow Lawn St.  
Manito, IL 61546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Graveside Service

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JAN 5. 1:30 PM (CT)

Meadow Lawn Cemetery  
801 E. Meadow Lawn St.  
Manito, IL 61546

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ My condolences to Bobbie's family. I occasionally crossed paths with Bobbie over the last 40 years and always enjoyed the brief encounters. I was always on my A game in Bobbie's presence, she commanded it. Reading about her later years being busy and engaged at Concordia Village caused me to smile. What an outsized impact she was able to bring to the world. My prayers for the repose of her soul. Brad Huff

Brad Huff - January 06, 2024 at 01:00 PM

GS

“ Grand Lady, I was blessed to have known you, my friend.  
My thoughts and prayers to Family



Gail Scheina - January 04, 2024 at 10:18 PM

FF

“ From teh entire Willett family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta "Bobbie" Lea Johnson.

From teh entire Willett family. - January 03, 2024 at 09:18 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Roberta "Bobbie" Lea Johnson.



January 03, 2024 at 09:18 AM

SB

“ I met Bobbie about twenty years ago when I was assigned by the former Soy Capital Ag Services (now First Mid Ag Services) to manage her farm near Manito. Bobbie was always a very astute business person, and she expected as much from me as I managed her farmland asset. Yet, at the same time she treated more like a friend. It was always a joy to get together with her or chat with her on the phone! She was one of my most valued clients! She will be missed. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

Steve Burrow - January 02, 2024 at 11:10 PM

MS

“ marsha sarmiento lit a candle in memory of Roberta "Bobbie" Johnson



marsha sarmiento - January 02, 2024 at 12:45 AM

DL

“ Bobbie was truly one-of-a-kind great lady. Beautiful person. She will be so missed. Our thoughts and prayers to her family at this most difficult time.

Donna & Dale Lawson - January 01, 2024 at 04:03 PM

CC

“ Cheryl Cockerham lit a candle in memory of Roberta "Bobbie" Johnson



Cheryl Cockerham - December 31, 2023 at 01:30 AM

CR

“ *Christa Robinson lit a candle in memory of Roberta "Bobbie" Johnson*



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**Christa Willett Robinson** - December 29, 2023 at 11:44 AM

YE

“ *So sorry to learn of Bobbie's passing. Sending sympathy and prayers to Bobbie's family. Yadja Engel*

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**Yadja Engel** - December 28, 2023 at 02:23 PM

DE

“ *Bobbie was a wonderful person she took my mom on bying trips and would always take time to listen to me and give me advice I'm going to miss her but I have lots of good memories prayers to the family*

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**DebbieJuhl** - December 27, 2023 at 07:44 PM

LH

“ *Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Roberta "Bobbie" Johnson*



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**Larry and Mary Hundt** - December 27, 2023 at 09:00 AM

SA

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Roberta Johnson family. Aunt Bobbie was a force to be reckoned with, she was an influence in my early life as I visited her home regularly as a child. Her success was an inspiration, she commanded the conversation and expected discipline. She seldomly missed keeping us informed of her adventures by dropping us a postcard or holiday card, always including old family photographs. Carole and I moved away nearly forty years ago but we would always try to swing by when we were in the area. She was always welcoming and entertaining with old memories and many photographs of the family in the early years. I remember when I was about 11 years old I spent several weeks in Manito and worked in the produce department at Gene’s supermarket. I made a quarter a day and got to eat all the produce I wanted. I came out way ahead. I ate my weight in grapes, and I was a “big” boy. Aunt Bobbie lived a wonderful life, godspeed.

*Our sincere condolences, Steve and Carole Alexander*

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**Steve and Carole Alexander** - December 26, 2023 at 05:30 PM