



## Elva Ruth Alexander

March 20, 1920 - January 7, 2017

Elva Ruth Alexander, 96, of Odell and formerly of Kankakee passed away January 7, 2017. She was born March 20, 1920 to Lonnie Harrison and Frances (Fugate) Tewell in Fairbury, IL. Elva married John M. Alexander April 17, 1942. He preceded her in death December 19, 2009.

She was a longtime member of 1st Presbyterian Church of Kankakee and served as a volunteer in many capacities of the church. She worked in the library and was a supervisor of the Learning Resource Center at Kankakee Community College for 23 years, retiring in 1991.

Elva is survived by 5 nephews; Jerry (Nancy) Alexander of Bourbonnais, Spencer Lee (Judy) Alexander of Washington, Robert (Joy) Alexander of North Carolina, Richard Tewell of Champaign, Herato (Saori) Alexander of Washington and 3 nieces; Deborah (Ray) Lane of Golconda, Mary (Harry) Johnson of Dwight, and Mia (Larry) Amick of South Carolina and 1 brother in law Spencer Alexander of Hawaii and 1 sister in law Dorothy Tewell of Gibson City and many great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 1 brother; Robert Tewell and one great nephew Mathew Lane.

The visitation will be at 1st Presbyterian Church of Kankakee on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 9:00 to 11:00am. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. following the visitation at the church. Services will be officiated by Rev. S. Sibson. Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be made to 1st Presbyterian Church of Kankakee. Please sign

her guestbook at [www.Schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.Schrefflerfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

First Presbyterian Church  
371 E. Court St  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 939-3546

## Funeral Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
371 E. Court St  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elva Ruth Alexander*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I really enjoyed working with her.*

**Susan Horvath** - January 11, 2017 at 08:04 AM



“ *I alwsya enjoyed talking with Elva Ruth. She was one of my favorite people at KCC.*

**Linda Guinn** - January 10, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the whole family. Aunt Elva Ruth was one of a kind and the memories of her will live on forever.*

*Donna Tewell*

**Donna Tewell** - January 10, 2017 at 12:42 PM



“ *Elva Ruth was one of the sweetest people I've ever known. I worked with her for several years and it was an honor to have known her! Now she is with her sweet John!*

**Lisa Themer** - January 10, 2017 at 12:28 PM

SP

“ Sorry to hear about Elva Ruth's passing. My condolences to the family. She was a wonderful lady. I worked in the library at Kankakee Community College as a student worker until I graduated in Dec. 1984. Then I started working full-time at the college in May of 1985 so I still had the pleasure of working with her, in a way, after I was done working in the library. I was sorry to see her retire, but I'm glad she had as many years as she did to enjoy her retirement. God's blessings to the family.

Sheila

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Sheila Pfaff - January 10, 2017 at 08:51 AM

EC

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss.  
Rev 21:3,4

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EC - January 09, 2017 at 08:14 AM

W.

“ My sincere condolences to the Alexander family on the loss of your loved one. Death can bring much tears and pain but may your hearts be filled with wonderful memories of times spent together and have comfort in God's promise found at Psalms 34:18. My deepest sympathy to you all.

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W.W - January 08, 2017 at 02:36 PM

BL

So sorry to hear of the death of Elva Ruth! What a wonderful lady she was. I have so many fond memories from working with her in the library at KCC. We were blessed to have her as part of our KCC family. Sending prayers of comfort to her family at this difficult time.

Barb

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Barbara Loudy - January 10, 2017 at 10:19 AM

PC

*Sorry for your families loss. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed. She was always one of my favorites in the library.*  
*Pat Cordes*

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**Pat Cordes** - January 10, 2017 at 10:28 AM