



Esther L. Kirchner

May 27, 1934 - February 27, 2018

Esther L. Kirchner, 83, of Bonfield passed away February 27, 2018 at Prairie View Lutheran Home, Faith Place. She was born May 27, 1934 in Bonfield, IL to Earl and Lillie (Falter) Riegel. Esther married Robert Kirchner December 6, 1952.

She was employed in the accounting and bookkeeping department at Bradley Roper and Servant Cor. Esther was a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church and the Bonfield Lioness Club.

She is survived by her children; Karen (Tom Sieglar) Monteith of Wichita, KS, Pat (Steve) Schenck of Howell, MI, Nancy (Ben) Kahle of Lexington, IL, JoAn (Dino) Galeaz of Campus, IL and Terry (James Schiller) Kirchner of Putnam Valley, NY, her grandchildren; Sarah, Charity (Doug), Denise (Mike), Tim, Jack (Amanda), Jenny (Jon), Brian (Jenna), Michael, Gino, Joe, Anthony, and great grandchildren; Ronnie, Mary, Jason, Amanda, Ruthie, Sophia, Cooper, Brandon, Joey, Nolan, Emma, Desmond and Holden. Also surviving is a sister, Lulabelle Janssen of Kankakee, a brother Edwin (Phyllis) Riegel of Bonfield, 4 sisters-in-law and 3 brothers-in-law; Betty Ann (Clifford) Osenga of Bourbonnais, Doris (Robert) Williamson of The Villages, FL, Mary Lynne (Dale) Schroeder of Walla Walla, WA and Beverly Riegel of Bradley.

Esther is preceded in death by her husband, Robert, a brother, Albert Riegel and a grandchild Michael Monteith.

The visitation will be 9-11 am, Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel and the funeral service will immediately follow at 11

am. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Bonfield, IL. Memorials may be made to Prairie View Lutheran Home/Faith Place and the Michael J. Fox Parkinson Foundation.

Please sign her online guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Maple Grove Cemetery

3218 N 9000 W Road
Bonfield, IL 60913
(815) 426-2444

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Esther L. Kirchner*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Jody Pallak purchased the Garden Accent Stone
- "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of
Esther L. Kirchner.*



Jody Pallak - March 07, 2018 at 04:45 PM



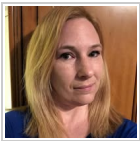
“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in our thoughts and
prayers!*
Love, Ellen and Bryan Beckner

Ellen Beckner - March 02, 2018 at 11:08 PM

RD

“*Esther was my neighbor growing up. Our families along with the Messer family would always get together on New Year's Eve. Our parents would go out to dinner while all the children would stay at the house hosting for that year. It was always so much fun. We were able to have as much pop and junk food we wanted. Terry and I were the youngest of all the kids. We always had a great time. Also when I was 3 years old I had an accident at our home where I required to go to the emergency room. Just as my sister was attending to my wounds Esther drove up the lane with my mom in her car. She drove us to the hospital and stayed with us until I was able to get the stitches required to go home. She bought me juicy fruit gum it was the 17 pack. This was the first time I ever had my own gum. From then on I always loved to go to her house. She would have cookies for a snack. I have great memories of her gentleness, caring, and giving person she was. So sorry for your lost. Our thoughts and prayers for all of you.*”

Rhonda (Foltz) Davis - March 02, 2018 at 10:35 PM



“*I'm so sorry for your loss. Esther was a great lady. It was my pleasure to be able to take care of her at Faith Place. Joy Y.*”

Joy Kimble Yarneau - March 02, 2018 at 06:40 PM

WO

“*I have made a modest gift in memory of Aunt Esther to the Michael J. Fox foundation.*”

Wayne

Wayne Osenga - March 02, 2018 at 06:06 PM

WO

“ Aunt Esther taught me more about love and happiness than anyone else I can remember. Her easy frequent laugh, her smile which seemed ever present and the joy she showed being with Uncle Bob (when he wasn't in trouble) and the joy she always had being with her children and grandchildren made a very deep impact on how I treat my own children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces! I mourn her loss, but rejoice that she is in heaven with Jesus and once again with Uncle Bob! Thank you for who you were, for your example of what a good person is and for your never ending love! I will love you always!

Wayne

Wayne Osenga - March 02, 2018 at 03:20 PM

RR

“ My sincere sympathy to you Terry and to your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Your fellow Kankakeean,
Ray Riordan

Ray Riordan - March 01, 2018 at 05:12 PM

TK

Thank you, Ray.

Terry Kirchner - March 01, 2018 at 11:31 PM

KS

“ My heartfelt sympathy Terry to you and your family at this painful time. Your mother Esther is offered in my prayer that God will fill her with His unending and perfect Love, Beauty and Life and that she and you might all meet merrily together in heaven.

~ Kenneth-K.J.Stewart

Kenneth Stewart - March 01, 2018 at 04:10 PM

TK

Thank you, Ken, for your kind words.

Terry Kirchner - March 01, 2018 at 11:32 PM

DW

“ *Our sympathy to Esther's family. She was a classmate of mine and my husband at Herscher High School. Her and I were good friends all through high school. She was such a nice person and sat next to me in solid geometry class as seniors and she was the only reason I got through that class. Without her continuing help I never could have made it. She was a very smart girl. We missed her at the last class reunions. She was a great lady. Bless you all. Donna (Tobenski) Witheft and Merlyn Witheft*

Donna Witheft - March 01, 2018 at 03:50 PM

GG

“ *Gloria Graham lit a candle in memory of Esther L. Kirchner*



Gloria Graham - March 01, 2018 at 03:27 PM

GG

“ *I met Ester when she was at Bickford she was very sweet and caring
She was a joy to care for Ester. You have my sympathy and will keep in prayers.*

Gloria Graham - March 01, 2018 at 03:26 PM

MT

“ As a friend of Terry and James, holding you all close in my thoughts and hoping you are doing OK. Esther seems like an amazing lady and I hope you find peace in celebrating her remarkable life.
Wishing you healing,
Marcy Thompson

Marcy Thompson - March 01, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TK

Thank you, Marcy. I might be a bit biased, but I think she was pretty amazing!

Terry Kirchner - March 01, 2018 at 11:34 PM



“ Frank and I feel blessed to have known Esther and followed her progress, through Terry and James, for the past several years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Kirchner family. May all the fond memories of your Mom replace the pain of her loss.

With much sympathy,

Jody and Frank

Jody Pallak - March 01, 2018 at 11:32 AM

TK

Thank you, Frank and Jody, for your prayers. Mom always asked about you when I visited and she had fond memories of her visits to Putnam Valley.

Terry Kirchner - March 01, 2018 at 11:36 PM

DA

“ Terry, James and family & friends, my thoughts and prayers are with you all, hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends and family for strength, and always remember how much you are loved.

Dee Astacio - March 01, 2018 at 11:29 AM

TK

Thank you, Dee, for your thoughts and prayers.

Terry Kirchner - March 01, 2018 at 11:37 PM

KM

“ As friends of JoAn & Dino, we want to express our sympathy to the entire family for your Loss.
Will keep you all in our thoughts & prayers.
Sincerely,
Kevin & Phyllis Maguire



Kevin Maguire - March 01, 2018 at 11:12 AM

PN

“ So sorry for Ester's family loss. I worked at Bradley Roper the same time as she did. She was a very nice co-worker. I was in purchasing, expediting, and the secretary to the plant manager. I'm sure she will be missed.

Penny Noe - March 01, 2018 at 09:52 AM