



## Twylah L Ellwanger

September 4, 1923 - August 4, 2017

Twylah Ellwanger , 93, of Bourbonnais passed away August 4, 2017 at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago. She was the oldest of five children, born September 4, 1923 to Thomas and Bernice Phipps. On May 31, 1949 she married C. William Ellwanger at College Church of the Nazarene, Bethany, OK and he passed away October 31, 2013.

She graduated from High School in Henryetta, OK and received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education in 1945 from Bethany Peniel College, (now Southern Nazarene University) in Bethany, OK. In 1965 she received a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Twylah taught Jr. High Music Appreciation and Choirs for 4 years at Taft Junior High School, Oklahoma City.

During their 21 years in four pastorates, she directed adult, youth and children's choirs and served as pianist or organist. She also taught Sunday school classes, held missionary positions on both local, district and general church levels. Twylah was well known for entertaining groups, church boards, missionaries, evangelists, serving as wedding consultant and hosting all church bridal and baby showers of which there were many.

During these same 21 years she taught Upper grade Music and Social Studies. In 1975 she changed careers and for 26 years operated Global Vision Tours, escorting Christian groups in various itineraries to 139 countries for sightseeing and mission visits. After retirement she enjoyed reading, listening to her favorite opera and attending recitals and concerts.

Twylah is survived by her son Charles (Chuck) William Ellwanger Jr. of West Palm Beach, FL. a sister-in-law and brother-in-law; Jeanette (Richard) Rowe of Aurora, CO. Also surviving are her nieces and nephews; Rhonda and Dick Spear of Yukon, OK, Conley and Stephanie Phipps of Tulsa, OK, Cynde (Mark) Dickerson of Denver, CO, Tami (Doug) Wahl, of Potomac, VA, Janice (Gary) Hartness and Nancy Vaughan of Bartlesville, OK, Ron (Pat) Gilbert of Plano, TX, Dr. Rob (Jan) Sawyer of Temple, AZ and Bill (Nancy) Sawyer of Kansas City, Kansas and many great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, C. William Ellwanger, 2 infants, 3 brothers; Wayne, Hershhal, Conley Phipps and a sister Phala Gilbert.

There will be a visitation Tuesday, August 22, 2017 from 10 to 11 am at College Church of the Nazarene, Bourbonnais, IL and a funeral service that will begin at 11 am at College Church of the Nazarene. Dr. Mark Quanstrom and Dr. John Bowling will officiate assisted by Bill Sawyer who will be delivering the eulogy. Burial will be at Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Twp., IL. Memorials may be made to the Olivet Nazarene music department. Please sign her online 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

AUG 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene  
200 University Ave  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-7749

## Funeral Service

AUG 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Twylah L Ellwanger*

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February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM