



## Raymond F. Bonnell

June 16, 1933 - March 12, 2014

Dateline: Godfrey

Raymond F. Bonnell, 80, died at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at St. Anthony's Health Center in Alton. Born June 16, 1933 in Alton, he was the son of Raymond and Pearl (Neuhaus) Bonnell. Mr. Bonnell was a member of the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Godfrey and served in the U.S. Army. He retired from Jefferson Smurfit in 1995 as an industrial relations manager after 44 years of service. He loved singing, and playing piano and baritone. On January 10, 1953 he married the former Sara Ann "Sally" Schlobohm. They were married for 51 years and raised six children together. Sally preceded him in death on July 30, 2004. He later married Donna Mae (Freeman) Burnett on March 25, 2006. She preceded him in death on March 25, 2012. Surviving are his six children, Michelle Fleisher and her husband Rich of Knoxville, IL, Cindy Bonnell and her friend Bobby Baron of Alton, Doug Bonnell and his wife Terri of Larkspur, CO, Kim Bilbruck and her husband Rusty of Gillespie, Tim Bonnell and his wife Jenny of Alton, and Jennifer Hamlin and her husband Dave of Gillette, Wyoming; 11 grandchildren, Amy Larson (Greg), Andrew Fleisher (Beth), Levi Bonnell, Luke Bonnell (Bre), Dustin Bilbruck (Jacque), Jacob Bilbruck (Jill), Danielle Bonnell, LeAnne Bonnell, Aaron Bonnell, Baylee Hamlin, and Breckyn Hamlin; seven great-grandchildren, Anna Larson, Bryar Fleisher, Garrett Larson, Emersyn Fleisher, Cooper Bilbruck, Greyson Bilbruck, and Blaine Bilbruck; one sister, Janice Flores of El Paso, TX, and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Bonnell of Springfield, OH. Also surviving are two step-

children, Lynne Burnett (Robyne Omara) of Godfrey, and Claudia Burnett (Michael Gallant) of Surf City, NC. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Clinton Bonnell. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2014 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Godfrey. Reverend Kenneth Tegtmeier will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Resurrection Lutheran Church or the Lewis & Clark Community College Music Department.

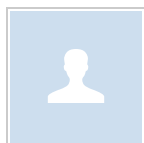
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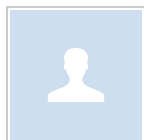
“ I miss Aunt Sally and Uncle Ray. Always a joy to be at their house. They were comforting and understanding when I had to stay with them (7y.o.)  
Kathy Beall would be saying something if she were here

Debbie Searcy - April 23, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ Raymond F. Bonnell

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ So, sorry we missed all of this. Would have come, if we could. I have special memories of Ray from sitting next to him in the New Horizons Band. He was the epitome of 'Gentleman'. His wonderful smile will remain with me forever. Also, I have a baritone that I bought from him, so if and when I blow it, I'll send him a tune of respect and friendship. Kathy

Virgil & Kathy Bowman - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Ray has always meant so much to us. He was a great man and will be missed by all. Sorry we didn't make it to the visitation, but just learned of his passing today!

Chris & Robin Schlobohm - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Dean and I were so sorry to read about Rays passing. He was a very nice man, I have very fond memories of your whole family and the kindness you shared. I am sorry we couldn't make the visitation or funeral, we had a death in the family also and the arrangements coincided. I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed working with your mother years ago and how wonderful both your parents were.

*Lisa & Dean Pearson*

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**Lisa Pearson** - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ So Sorry for the family's loss. We met Ray through Donna. He was always so friendly when we saw him out. He will be missed. Our sympathy to his family.

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**Mike & Karen Edwards** - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GU

“ I first met Ray at Faith Lutheran Church

*in Godfrey, Illinois many years ago. We*

*would see each other at the musicals in the area for many years...Our friendship*

*renewed again when we sang together w/*

*the Lewis and Clark Choral Society @ the College. Will miss Ray.*

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**gene ursprung** - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GU

“ *Raymond F. Bonnell*

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PS

“ *Our most sincere condolences to a great family for their loss of a real gentleman. My God bless and grant Ray*

Paul & Jo Stilwell - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *What a guy! very personable, charming, talented, giving and open, renaissance survivor. He once told me "it's ok" and it was a huge moment to me. I have my family reunion memories and Ray and his life meant a lot to many he, had and was always a spark in any place !*

Paul Warner - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Michelle, We're so sorry to hear of your loss. You're in our thoughts and prayers.*

Joyce & Tom Tournear - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *My Condolences to the family*

Betty Hicks - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To the family, Monica and I are very sorry for the loss of your father.he was one of a kind always a smile on his face and a kind word he will be missed just know he is at peace. Condolences, Rick and Monica Crivello and family.

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**The Rick Crivello Family** - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Our condolences to the family and friends on Ray's passing. I was a classmate of Doug's in our early school days in Knoxville IL and have known Michelle for many years as well. God's blessings to you all.

*Bruce & Andrea Johnson*

*Freeport IL*

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**Bruce Johnson** - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ sorry for your loss

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**tracy and jane saylor** - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Ray was such a wonderful man. He will be missed very much.

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**Bill and Brandy Hildebrand** - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Thoughts of gratitude for the privilege of knowing Ray's friendship, his buoyant spirit, generous involvement and infectious smile. Never judgmental and always welcoming, he greeted me with a warm hello and sincere interest in my well being and latest activities. If i was selling tickets to a concert, Ray would buy two. Always sharing, curious, and engaged in life. If there was an opportunity to serve, Ray never backed away. Willing to try out swimming aerobics with a group of ladies, tai chi class, or a new band! It was a treat to attend Ray and Donna's wedding, and to see the radiant happiness and deep respect they shared. I will miss Ray's warmth, his vitality, and happy outlook. My prayers for the comfort of his loving family at this time of great loss. His sweet music will never be forgotten.

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**Penny Schmidt** - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM