



## Lillian Rotramel

December 27, 1931 - November 17, 2015

Lillian Rotramel, age 83, a lifelong resident of West Frankfort, IL, passed away peacefully at 9:29 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at her home.

She was born in West Frankfort, IL on Sunday, December 27, 1931, the daughter of Francis Marion and Lena Vivian (Milligan) Odle.

Lillian attended school in West Frankfort and was a graduate of West Frankfort High School Class of 1949.

She was united in marriage to Jarret Esta Rotramel on Saturday, July 15, 1950, in Piggott, AR and together they shared over 58 years of marriage until his death on Friday, January 30, 2009.

Lillian's working career was with the State of Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs in the Benton and Harrisburg, IL offices for 22 years until her retirement.

She has been active in the Franklin County Republican Party since the age of 18 and also in the Franklin County Republican Women's Organization and was very proud of having been elected Frankfort Township Clerk since 1989, for 7 four year terms.

She has been a member of the First United Methodist Church in West Frankfort since 1972, and for the last few years had also been attending with her family at the Heights Church of God also of West Frankfort.

Lillian loved to cook, and was always looking to learn about new recipes by watching cooking shows on television and reading food and cooking magazines. She also enjoyed spending time with and going out to eat with her family at many of the area restaurants. The many memories that have been created will now be cherished by those she leaves behind.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Marian Sue and John Smith and son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Glenda Rotramel all of West Frankfort, IL; three grandsons, Jason Smith and his wife Tracy of Johnston City, IL, Shane Smith and his wife Abby of Marion, IL and Jim Rotramel and his wife Natalie of Herrin, IL; great grandson, Drew Smith of Johnston City, IL, other extended family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Arrangements for Lillian Rotramel were entrusted to the Stone Funeral Home, 1201 East Poplar St., West Frankfort, IL.

Visitation was from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20th at the Heights Church of God, located at 1418 East Clark Street, West Frankfort, IL.

During the time of visitation a "Reflection of Life" DVD Memorial Tribute featuring special people, places and events of Lillian's life was presented to the family and friends.

The funeral service was at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2015, also at the church with Rev. Bill Perry and Rev. David Estep presiding.

The prelude and postlude musical selections were presented by pianist, Yolonde Peterson.

Special vocal musical selections presented during the service by Kevin Cook were "There is a River" with recorded accompaniment and "What a Day That Will Be" accompanied by pianist, Marian Smith.

Interment followed next to her husband in East Fork Cemetery east of West Frankfort, IL. Pallbearers were John Smith, Jason Smith, Shane Smith, Jimmy Rotramel, John Etherton and B.J. Crespi.

Following the committal service at the cemetery the family and friends gathered back at the church for a meal and continued time of fellowship and support.

For those who preferred, memorial contributions were made to the "Masonic Children's Home". Memorial contribution envelopes were available at the church or were mailed in care of Stone Funeral Home, 1201 East Poplar St., West Frankfort, IL 62896.

For additional information please contact the funeral home by calling 618-932-2161.

# Cemetery

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**East Fork Cemetery**  
18240 East Fork Road  
West Frankfort, IL, 62896

# Events

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**NOV 20 Visitation 05:00PM - 08:00PM**  
Heights Church of God  
1418 East Clark Street, West Frankfort, IL, US, 62896

**NOV 21 Funeral Service 11:00AM**  
Heights Church of God  
1418 East Clark Street, West Frankfort, IL, US, 62896

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Stone Funeral Home** - November 20, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ Beautiful done

**Jeffray Flatt** - December 22, 2015 at 12:55 AM

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“ Marian and Jim, I'm so sorry this is late but I didn't know your mom had passed until today. I thought the world of Lillian. She was a great Christian woman and such a joy to be around. You are in my prayers and love to all your family! Jim & Jeannene Cooper

**Jim Cooper** - April 25, 2016 at 03:59 PM

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“ Jeffray Flatt lit a candle in memory of Lillian Rotramel



**Jeffray Flatt** - December 22, 2015 at 12:57 AM

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“ I just heard today that Lillian passed away. I will always remember as a dedicated church member, faithful to her work as board secretary, and her role with the transition to Morthland. She was exceptionally kind and respectful to me, and I offer my deepest condolences to you all. Rev. Susan Cox

**Susan Cox** - December 05, 2015 at 06:20 PM

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“ Dear Lillian Rotramel Family,

My Father Lt. Col. Thomas B. Engram and I had planned on coming to the visitation tonight, but circumstances would not allow us to travel.

Dad has many fond memories of your mother's family and the Milligans coming for visits at the Bessie and Harry Engram house... much fun was had when your mother's mother would play the piano and others would join in with guitar and other instruments. The whole group would sing their favorite songs together.

The merriment would go on into the evening.

We had always talked about coming up to West Frankfort with Betty ( Engram ) Lee and having lunch with your mother. Circumstances on both sides were always so complex, we regret the plans did not materialize.

Your mother was always so good to keep Dad posted on family events... they had many good conversations from time to time.

Your mother was such a positive and cheerful person... very special person. The world could use more people like her.

Our hearts go out to your family,

Lt. Col. Thomas B. Engram  
and Cheryl Engram Francis ( daughter )

Lt. Col. Thomas B. Engram - November 20, 2015 at 04:57 PM

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“ Marian, Jim and Family, We are sorry for your loss. Your Mama always had a smile and kind words to brighten my day ! You are blessed with a rich legacy.

Browning Clark and family

Browning Clark - November 20, 2015 at 10:43 AM

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“ Marion, John, Jim & Glenda,

My payers are with you at a time like this.

Gene Morton

Eugene Morton - November 20, 2015 at 09:41 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lillian Rotramel.



November 20, 2015 at 09:40 AM

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“ I always enjoyed speaking with Lillian regarding Odle genealogy. She was always a very friendly and kind person.

I am sorry to hear of her passing.

Jeff Lee, St. Louis Missouri (son of Betty Engram Lee and grandson of Bessie Odle Engram).

**Jeff Lee** - November 19, 2015 at 10:54 PM

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“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. May those precious memories be foremost in your hearts and minds during this difficult time.  
Isaiah 25:8

**Jackson Family** - November 18, 2015 at 04:26 PM

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“ Marian and Family, we were saddened to read of the passing of Lillian. Our memories of your mother go back many years. We always considered her a dear friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. With Special Thoughts and Memories, David and Karla Lee

**David and Karla Lee** - November 18, 2015 at 10:28 AM

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