



Charlotte Bontz Dierdorff

September 16, 1927 - December 7, 2024

Charlotte Bontz Dierdorff, 97, passed away peacefully on Saturday Dec. 7, 2024.

She was born on September 16, 1927 in Dixon to Howard “Hy” and Ruth Emmert. Charlotte grew up on College Avenue in Dixon, IL and was proud to graduate from Dixon High School. She attended the Katherine Shaw Bethea School of Nursing in Dixon, graduating as a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1947. She married Warren E. Bontz on August 19th, 1955. He preceded her in death on October 25, 1989. Warren and Charlotte moved to the family farm in Harmon to raise their children. Charlotte was a homemaker and utilized her nursing skills at the Dixon State School and providing private duty care. She worked as a school bus driver for Amboy Community School District for 17 years (loving all her kids).

Charlotte was known for her musical ability. She was an organist for the United Methodist Church and St. Flannen’s Catholic Church in Harmon, United First Congregational Church and St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Amboy for decades. She sang and played for countless weddings and funerals while also entertaining at local nursing homes with her grandchildren. Vacation Bible School was a favorite as well as taking photos. She was an avid bowler, bowling four times a week for many years with the Odd Couples Sunday League, Monday Night Ladies League, Tuesday and Thursday Senior Bowlers. She continued to bowl even at the age of 95 years.

After many years as a widow, Charlotte was happy to reconnect with her high

school sweetheart, Lyle A. Dierdorff (Chet). Chet and Charlotte were married in Amboy on July 21, 2001. He preceded her in death on 12/4/2007.

Survivors include her children, Janet (Pete Kink) Lynch of Dixon, William (Connie) Bontz of Amboy, James Bontz of Harmon. Grandchildren, Laura Enlow of Dixon, Bryce Lynch of Clinton, IL, Larissa Lynch of Austin TX, Kelsey (Joseph) Petrillo of Hoboken NJ, Warren (Randi) Bontz of Mount Morris, IL, Kevin (Rebecca) Bontz, Daniel (Edelia Jo Rivera) Bontz, Jason (Lizzie) Bontz of Amboy, 8 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Robert Emmert, sister Alice Whitmore, her daughter Linda James and her great grandson Derrick Enlow. Visitation will be on Wednesday Dec. 11, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Funeral services will be held on Thursday Dec. 12, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the United Methodist Church in Harmon. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery. A memorial has been established. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Homes.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy
303 East Main Street
Amboy, IL 61310
(815) 857-2611
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Harmon United Methodist Church
202 N Grove St
Harmon, IL 61042-9406
(815) 359-7302

Tribute Wall

BE

“ I will forever have memories of Charlotte playing the organ at Harmon United Methodist - especially when she played "How Great Thou Art" and sang along with her beautiful voice and the times she accompanied my dad when he sang at the church. She sang at my wedding and played at my mom's memorial service. Charlotte never passed on the chance to get her camera out and take a picture and eventually you would get those pictures in the mail. She was a wonderful lady and I'm sure she's singing for her Lord in heaven.

Becky (Whitney) Walter

Becky - December 12, 2024 at 10:41 AM

FD

“ Dear Bill and Connie,

Please know of my prayers and accept my condolences on the loss of your dear mother. I will miss seeing her at Liberty Court.

Fr. Draper

Fr. Draper - December 10, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charlotte Bontz Dierdorff.



December 10, 2024 at 10:13 AM

DF

“ *Deb Francis. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlotte Bontz Dierdorff.*

Deb Francis. - December 09, 2024 at 09:25 PM

CO

“ *Grandma Charlotte made the holidays special and I will always cherish the memories of family gathering around the piano and her leading us in singing songs. Her smile and love for others was always present. May our Lord Jesus Christ welcome her to her heavenly home!!*

Cindy OHare - December 09, 2024 at 04:10 PM

BJ

“ *I remember visiting the church in Harmon my senior year in high school, as our former youth pastor was now the pastor there. We were surprising him, and everybody in the congregation knew except the pastor. Charlotte greeted us excited saying "Pastor Doug doesn't know you're here." We were all seated in the front pew. During the service, I saw Charlotte peeking out from behind the organ to take a photograph of our group.*

Brett Johnson - December 09, 2024 at 02:15 PM

JJ

“ Charlotte was the first friend I made when I moved to Amboy in 1996. My wife and I took our newborn baby on his first outing to the Long Branch for dinner and she came up to us and introduced herself. She asked if we would like our photo taken, and after some small talk we discovered that we would become friends through my job and her musical ability. She played at many funerals, and when her second husband died we became closer through our many visits at a church, the funeral home, or her home in Dixon. She always thought of others first, and I never heard her say a bad word about anyone. Charlotte was a sweet soul, and I know she rests in the presence of the Lord.

Jim - December 09, 2024 at 01:18 PM

JD

“ I have many pictures from Charlotte from Sunday School and church. She was a wonderful delight. Always smiling and a very positive person. Our whole family loved her.

Joyce Dale - December 09, 2024 at 12:07 PM

TW

“ The Whitney's and Walter's. purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Charlotte Bontz Dierdorff.



The Whitney's and Walter's. - December 09, 2024 at 11:56 AM

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