



## Alta B Brandt

February 6, 1928 - August 23, 2018

### Alta B. Brandt

Born on February 6, 1928, in Sullivan, IL, beloved daughter of Clarence (“Pete”) and Thelma (Hughes) Crowdson; sister to Charlie, Thomas, Lawrence, Joseph, and Osa; loving spouse to Richard; mother, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, neighbor, friend, Illinois Master Teacher, mentor, seniors advocate, long-suffering Cubs fan, cookie- and pie-baker extraordinaire, died August 23, 2018, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Kankakee, IL. Those who cherish her memory include children David, Danita (Michael Velbel), Caroline, James (Marcia), and Alan (Heather), 17 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, great- nieces and nephews; colleagues and students from her 28 years of teaching at Anna McDonald school in Manhattan, IL, her Manteno United Methodist Church family, neighbors, and fellow residents and staff at Presence Heritage Lodge. The family thanks Dr. Saw Oo for her care and compassion. A celebration of Alta’s life will be held Tuesday, August 28, at 7 p.m. at the Manteno United Methodist Church. The family will receive visitors from 3-7 p.m. at the church. Remembrances can be shared online at [www.brownjensen.com](http://www.brownjensen.com). Donations in Alta’s honor can be made to Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank, 3021 W. Main St., Galesburg, IL 61401 or at [lovingbottoms.org](http://lovingbottoms.org).

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation rites will be accorded**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG 28. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Manteno United Methodist Church  
Manteno, IL

### Service

AUG 28. 7:00 PM (CT)

Manteno United Methodist Church  
Manteno, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alta B Brandt*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *She was the best mom. Ever.*

**Caroline Davis** - August 15, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alta B Brandt.*



August 28, 2018 at 01:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alta B Brandt.*



August 28, 2018 at 11:59 AM

NZ

“ Alta would come to my Senior fit Aquatics class at Riverside Health and Fitness for many years she always had a wonderful smile and disposition those she hasn't attended class for a couple years now I still remember her I've been with Riverside Health and Fitness for 13 years I reassure my participants that I have never lost a member in the pool that I count heads before and after class But one day I thought I almost lost Alta I taught Monday Wednesday Friday and many of the same women took the same class and we're good friends and lingered in the pool afterwards and talked one day they shouted my name and I turned around and Alta was weak in the knees and disorientated of course everyone thought she was having a cardiac issue I remembered Alta was a diabetic and ordered someone upstairs to get some orange juice and immediately we got her to the stairs of the pool she drank the orange juice came to I offered her a ride home being the strong and independent woman she was she said she was fine and she would drive herself immediately home which shocked a lot of them it didn't Shock Me I did however call her husband and told him she was on her way home and what happened she was a wonderful lady and I will always remember that incident I'm very sorry for your loss Nancy Zoller -Pansa

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**Nancy Zoller-Pansa** - August 28, 2018 at 11:21 AM

MH

“ So sorry to hear of Alta's passing. She was a wonderful person and a great friend to my mother, Emily Stovall, at the Lodge. My deepest sympathy to Danita and the rest of the family.  
Mary Heck

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**Mary Heck** - August 28, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alta B Brandt.*



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August 27, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of Alta’s passing. It gave us great comfort to know that my dad had such a caring and good friend at the Lodge. Our prayers are with your family.  
Bill & Roxanne Craig (Jigg’s daughter)*

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**roxanne craig** - August 27, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ *She was a light--and an inspiration to be a light. Our deepest sympathies to Danita, Caroline, Alan, Jamie, David and all the family.*

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**Marla (Slater) and Hiroshi Yonamine** - August 27, 2018 at 02:11 PM



“ *Bob and I send our deepest sympathies to Caroline and Mary. We love both of you, and you are in our prayers now, and in the days ahead. Tracey and Bob Thompson*

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**Tracey Thompdon** - August 27, 2018 at 11:16 AM

CO

“ *Christa and I are so sorry to hear about our surrogate mom Alta. She was such a sweetheart. We know she will be terribly missed. God bless Alta and her family.*

*Christa and Patrick O'Connor (Jigg's son)*

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**Christa and Patrick O'Connro** - August 27, 2018 at 10:31 AM

KS

“ *"My aunt Alta and I shared a love of teaching, cooking, laughing, and most especially, of her husband and my uncle Richard. She was a kind and generous woman, never forgetting a birthday or anniversary. When I visited the family farm, she always gave me the most special bedroom--the one facing the railroad tracks so I could hear the poignant wail of the trail whistle. My husband and I will hold her memory dear to our hearts forever and will miss her until the end of our days. She was the last link in the long line of our aunts and uncles."*

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**Kathleen J. Sellman** - August 26, 2018 at 05:43 PM

KC

“ *Rest peacefully Dear Alta. I will be forever grateful for all that you taught me.*

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**Kathy Dean Callahan** - August 26, 2018 at 11:38 AM

NI

“ *I enjoyed the few cards we exchanged over the years and always appreciated your help with genealogy. I know youre resting easy now with Richard. ♡*

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**Nikki** - August 25, 2018 at 11:25 PM

NS

“ I will always cherish our family gatherings on the Brandt farm. Aunt Alta was a wonderful woman who made everyone feel loved and valued. I will miss her smile but am happy she is at peace and in heaven with Uncle Richard. Love, Natalie

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**Natalie Stokes** - August 24, 2018 at 05:21 PM

MG

“ Mrs. Brandt was my favorite Sunday School teacher. She was a wonderful lady. I was so happy to see her and give her a hug when i would volunteer at Heritage Village. She will definitely be missed. My prayers go out to her family.  
Michelle Gustafson

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**Michelle Gustafson** - August 24, 2018 at 01:45 PM

HB

Our love and prayers are with the Brandt family! Mrs. Alta was an wonderful example of love and service to others and the Lord! I will always remember her big smile as she read with Alan and Heather's little ones, sharing her love of reading! A precious memory to have for Alan. Love in Christ, Howard and Kathy Bain

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**Howard&Kathy Bain** - August 27, 2018 at 05:47 PM

TP

I had the pleasure of Alta's company at our paint classes at Heritage...she laughed at herself alot...saying she was no Picasso...I will miss that smile and great attitude...she finished every single one ,,never gave up..<3 My deepest sympathy to her family...she was a dandy! <3 ....Tracey Peterson/Easy Peasy Art

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**Tracey Peterson** - August 30, 2018 at 10:55 AM