



# Alice May Schmidt

FEB 3, 1941 - AUG 29, 2021



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**A**lice May Schmidt, lovingly referred to as “Bubsie” by her husband, went home to the Lord Jesus on August 29th 2021. She was born to her namesake Alice “Nanny” Crickmore in the coastal town of Great Yarmouth, England, (Great Britain) on February 3rd, 1941 during World War II.

From an early age it was clear she had a sharp mind and a quick wit. Alice was an avid reader, and she would often be found by her mom hiding in a cupboard with a good book. “Ally,” as her siblings and friends called her, was forced to grow up quick and learned to be self reliant from an early age, given that she was born 9th of 10 children to a single mother. Alice went to work in the factories at the age of 12 to help the family make ends meet.

On February 12, 1959, at the age of 18, Alice left England, and came over to the United States. Alice moved to Limestone, Maine. On August 11, 1961, Alice gave birth to her beautiful daughter Melody May Blythe.

In 1963, Alice and Melody moved to Jacksonville, Arkansas. When Alice moved to Arkansas, she enrolled at Draughon Business College and earned a degree in business. She also joined the “English Wive’s Club” and went on to serve as the club’s president.

From 1970 to 2002, Alice grew a child care business that included 12 child care centers in Arkansas and Texas with her flagship school being Royal Academy (formerly Ding Dong Kampus), located in Jacksonville, Arkansas. She also helped launch a children’s summer program at Camp Quapaw. During the course of her career, she touched the lives of 1000s of children and 1000s of parents. In 2002, Alice retired from the day care business.

After retiring, she never was one to sit around, so she went to work at Paul Sr.’s law practice where she enjoyed answering the phone. She loved interacting with the clients, but jokingly, complained about the pay.



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On February 12, 1977, Alice married the love of her life, Paul Sr. and they built a life together in Cabot, Arkansas. From their marriage, they had two sons, Paul Schmidt, Jr. and William P. Schmidt. Alice was diligent and industrious in successfully running her business and also running the house. Alice insisted the house always be kept clean and in perfect order. Eating together as a family at the dinner table was very important to Alice, and Paul Sr. knew he had better be home and ready for dinner at 6:00 PM. Alice was a great cook, and she was famous for her sausage rolls, minced meat pies, and apple pies with home made pie crusts. Alice always made sure that Paul Sr. always had his laundry done and his shirts starched and ready for court. Much to Paul Sr.'s chagrin, Alice never let the boys go without, and the boys knew that if they wanted something all they had to do was convince their Mom they needed it.

Since Alice had grown up poor, she made it a point to teach her children and others the importance of being generous. Also, she made it a point to teach her children to be respectful of others and not to judge others by what they have or don't have, but by their character.

When Alice was not working she enjoyed reading, traveling (especially to the beach), and spending time with her family.

Alice was a charter member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Cabot, Arkansas. Along the way, Alice made many life long friends including: Joan Ryan, Cheryl Fugatt, Debbie Kitchens, Cathy Paris, Arlene Thomas, Mary Barger, Inez Sims, Donna Davis, and many many more.

Alice was a loving friend, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother who will be dearly missed by all.

Alice is predeceased by her parents Alice May Crickmore and Jimmy Crickmore. She is also predeceased by her siblings including: Eugene King, Eddie King, Nora Barron, Barry Crickmore, Betty Johnston, Collin Crickmore, and Anthony Crickmore.

Alice is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 44 years, Paul Schmidt, Sr. She is also survived by two of her loving sisters Shirley Hunt and Diane Philpott. Further, she is also survived by her children, Melody May Blythe (Tony); Barry Evan Schmidt (Pennie); Pandora L. Bridges (Brian); Paul A. Schmidt, Jr. (Bridget) and



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William P. Schmidt (Heather).

She is also survived by 10 grandchildren including: Jennifer Hettiarachchy (John); Daniel Blythe (Felicia); Michael Blythe (Christen); Kaleb Schmidt; Evan Bridges; Presley Schmidt; Brielle Schmidt; William Schmidt; Paisley Schmidt and Pierce Schmidt.

She is also survived by 8 great grandchildren including: Haven, Garrett, Peyton, Colton, Ayden, Stella, James and Vivian. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

A visitation will be held on Friday, September 3rd from 10:00 AM 11:00 AM with a Celebration of Life to follow at 11:00 AM in Hunt Chapel on the grounds of Pinnacle Memorial Gardens. Burial will follow at Pinnacle Memorial Gardens in Rogers.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Circle of Life Hospice; 901 Jones Road in Springdale, Arkansas 72762. Their website is [nwacircleoflife.com](http://nwacircleoflife.com) and their phone number is (479)750-6632.

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank the team at Circle of Life for the wonderful care and compassion they showed Alice during her time with them.

Following the service, the family will be hosting a lunch and reception for friends and family.

To sign the online guest book please visit [www.bernafuneralhomes.com](http://www.bernafuneralhomes.com)



# Events


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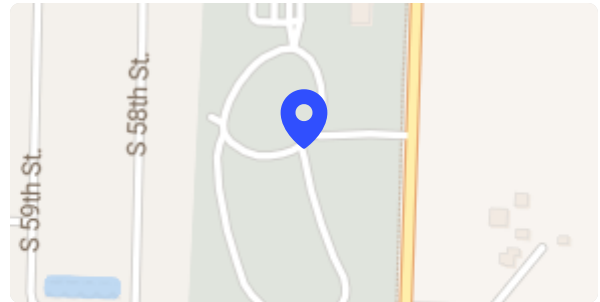
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## Visitation

 **Friday**, September 3, 2021


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **Hunt Chapel**  
5930 South Wallis Road, Rogers AR 72768

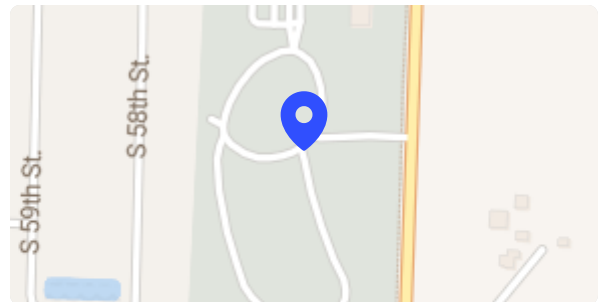


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## Cemetery Details

 **Pinnacle Memorial Gardens**  
5930 S Wallis Rd, Rogers AR 72758

 **(479) 203-7399**



# Tribute Wall

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**Berna Funeral Homes** shared a **Webcast Video**.

August 31 at 4:49 AM



**Todd & Sheila** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Schmidt family.

September 3 at 3:44 AM



**William Carr** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Paul, we grieve with you and your family at the passing of your wonderful, wonderful wife, Alice. Having the pleasure of conversation with Alice on a few occasions in the Schmidt Law Office, left a lasting impression. Her passion for children, specifically children in need, was comforting in our time of need and strengthened us to stand firm to know that God still has people in this finite world with hearts of gold. In Hebrew, Alice, has been an "Eshet Chayil" (Woman of Valor) defined in Proverbs 31, which begins in verse 10 with "Who can find a virtuous wife? for her price is far above rubies" and concludes in verse 31 with "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates" Alice's fruit in this world are now praising her in The Eternal Gates in what must be a Jubilant welcome home celebration. We read in the obituary that Alice touched the lives of 1000s of children and 1000s of parents during the course of her career and no doubt this is true. However, I believe the total number of lives touched outside of her career are innumerable. Our Grandson's, Liam and Elijah, are just two of the innumerable and are living testaments of the Fruit from Alice and Paul's hands. Through their acts of loving kindness and God's mercy, these boys are alive. Alice's memory will live on through them. We send our praise and prayers through The Gates and on before The Throne for you. Praise The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob for Paul and Alice.

August 30 at 3:10 PM





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**Cathy Paris** posted:

Oh my goodness, precious memories flood my soul. We weathered the good times and the bad times together, my sweet friend. You were a wonderful forever friend, always there for me and my family. Wonderful talented businesswoman, and there aren't words to describe you as a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. But most importantly a precious child of God! Look for me because I will see you again, my friend who was more like a sister! I love you dearly! Blessings and comfort to all. Cathy Paris

September 1 at 7:39 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Schmidt family.



September 1 at 6:38 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Schmidt family.



September 1 at 5:27 AM



**Cynthia Bolden** posted:

so sad to hear. We purchased Mrs. Schmidt's daycare in Jacksonville where our children attended. She was a great mentor and helped me in my daycare adventure in ownerships. Praying for the family

August 31 at 6:06 PM



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**Dee Mclemore** posted:

I was so sad to hear about Ms Schmidt this morning. I worked for DDK Childcare for many years as the Director of her #1 location in Levy . She was always so good to me and so kind when my mom had cancer and passed - I will always remember her kind words . Alice was so funny and always smiling - she would keep us laughing when she came to visit us at the daycare and I cracked up when she would talk about being a Tom Jones fan!! 😊 she will be missed but the love she had for Mr Schmidt was very obvious- she would just glow when around or talking about him and her children - she loved her children so much - we have sent each other Christmas cards to catch up each year - I will miss her sweet notes but Praise God she has only been called home for now and we will all get the chance to reunite one day - Mr. Schmidt , you and your family are in my prayersDee McLemore

August 31 at 4:23 PM



**Diane Covell** posted:

Oh my stars. I used to work for this sweet lady I worked at DING DONG CAMPUS!!!R I P MS ALICE!!!

August 31 at 3:58 PM



**Anonymous** sent a White Standing Spray to the Schmidt family.



August 31 at 11:55 AM



**Anonymous** sent a White Standing Spray to the Schmidt family.



August 31 at 11:35 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful Wishes to the Schmidt family.



August 31 at 11:20 AM



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**Mike & Micky Shropshire** posted:

Alice was always kind and the love for her family was beautiful.

August 31 at 11:19 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel to the Schmidt family.



August 31 at 11:18 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Fields of Europe to the Schmidt family.



August 31 at 9:23 AM



**Navam And Jay Hettiarachchy** sent a Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White to the Schmidt family.



August 31 at 8:54 AM



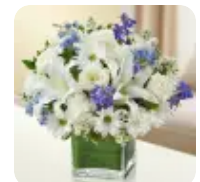
**Anonymous** sent a Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers to the Schmidt family.



August 31 at 7:24 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Healing Tears - Blue and White to the Schmidt family.



August 31 at 5:41 AM



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**Arlene And Russell Thomas** posted:

I first met Alice in 1976 when I was hired as a director for the daycare in Russellville. We had lots of fun and seemed to "mesh"! I loved her Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons with her specialty pastries, of course she wanted me to bring my Hot Rolls. 😊 Alice will be missed So much. Praying for Paul and all the family for Peace and comfort. Arlene and Russell

August 30 at 6:41 PM

KC

**Kathleen Ryan Cherry** posted:

I have soo many memories of Alice Schmidt, my first boss, mentor and confidant. Not only did she always have my back but she encouraged me to be all I could be. I had so much respect for this amazing lady.

August 30 at 5:46 PM

JR

**Joan Ryan** posted:

My heart is broken, I will share as I gather my thoughts. Alice and I go way back, we loved each other deeply and shared significant parts of our lives together. I am godmother to Paul, jr. .

August 30 at 3:10 PM



## Media

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August 31 at 4:49 AM





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September 2 at 12:08 PM



Living Testaments



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Liam



Elijah



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Alice by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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