



# Ann Alden

**East Alton | Sunday, March 24 2013**

Ann Alden (born Arrah Ann Vinson) passed away on Sunday, March 24, 2013, at the age of 93.

Ann was born Nov. 10, 1919, near Vienna, Illinois, the daughter of Henry Pleas Vinson and Lillian Goddard Vinson.

She had three siblings, all of whom predeceased her: Kathleen Vinson Dowdy, June Vinson Vaughn, and Jack Vinson.

She attended Vienna High School.



On Jan. 19, 1939, she married Blair Alden of Anna, Illinois, and they were married for 67 years, until his death in 2006. Ann and Blair owned and operated three successive Dairy Queen restaurants in Anna, Mt. Vernon and Marion, Illinois. Ann lived in St. Louis with Blair from 1965 to 1968 while he attended Logan College of Chiropractic. In 1968, Ann and Blair moved to Jefferson City, Missouri, where they had a successful Chiropractic practice. They sold the practice in 1979 so that Blair could join his son-in-law's practice at Rosewood Chiropractic Clinic in East Alton, Illinois. Ann was a Licensed Practical Nurse, and was instrumental in the success of both practices. Ann and Blair lived in or near East Alton, Illinois, from 1979 until their death.

Ann is survived by a daughter, Linda Alden Brinkley of East Alton, and her husband Dr. Samuel Brinkley; three grandchildren: Rebecca Brinkley Hegger (John) of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Georgiana Brinkley Kriss (Scott) of Sacramento, California, and Timothy Brinkley (Marissa) of Miami, Florida; a sister-in-law, Margaret Ann (Alden) High of Marion, Illinois; five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a foster son, Donald Burnett of Anna, Illinois.

Ann will be remembered by her family and friends for her broad and easy smile, her sense of humor, her kindness to strangers, and her strong work ethic.

The family will hold a memorial service at a later date.

Arrangements with online information and guestbook through Paynic Home for Funerals may be found at [www.paynicfh.com](http://www.paynicfh.com)