



## Mary Margaret "Margi" Mortell

June 11, 1929 - May 2, 2022

Mary Margaret "Margi" Mortell, age 92, of Kankakee passed away Monday, May 2, 2022 at her home. She was born June 11, 1929 in Lafayette, IN, the daughter of Walter & Mary Rita (Maunsell) Eberle. Margi married Donald E. Mortell on February 23, 1952 at St. Lawrence Church in Lafayette, IN.

Margi was a homemaker. She attended Purdue University and had also worked at the University. She was a member of the Kankakee Kultivators, where she held various offices including president, served on the St. Mary's Auxillary Board, and was past president of the Women's Western Golf Association. Margi was also a member of the Kankakee Country Club, the Olympia Fields Country Club, the Thunderbird Country Club and had been past Club Champion at all three clubs. She enjoyed gardening, playing bridge, cooking, and entertaining. First and foremost, she was devoted to her family.

Margi was a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are her husband, Donald E. Mortell of Kankakee; two sons, Michael & Tamara Mortell of Jupiter, FL and David & Nanette Mortell of Chicago; five daughters, Susan & Jerry Hebda of Sandy Springs, GA, Judy & Mark Ottolin of Wheaton, Debbie Davis of Wheaton, Nancy & John Lewis of Chicago, and Donna & Bill Ketcik of Oak Park; twenty-two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Louise Lods of Lafayette, IN and Rita & Lynn Cooper of Bonita Springs, FL; and one brother, Robert & Susie Eberle of Lafayette, IN. Mary is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, John Eberle; and two sisters, Bernadette Lux and Elizabeth Zames.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2022 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. Rev. John Peeters will celebrate the Mass. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 6.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

**MAY 7.** 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

FZ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Don and all the Famile. For us Margi was one very special lady. We shared so many great times together- especially those Jamboree trips. WE have been blessed to know her. Tom and Bev

F Thomas Zwetschke - May 11 at 08:30 AM

JG

“ Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret "Margi" Mortell



Joseph Giacchino - May 11 at 05:54 AM

AF

“ My sincere condolences to Mary Margaret’s husband, Donald, and family on her sad passing. I remember her visit to Kerry, Ireland, in 1966(?). Her sister, Rita, was with her. I also remember Christmas cards proudly showing her family, treasured by my grandmother, and shown with pride to visitors and neighbours. My recollection is of a gracious and gentle woman. May she Rest In Peace. Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam dilis  
From first cousin Anne Maunsell Finnegan

Anne Maunsell Finnegan - May 06 at 09:50 AM

RC

Thank you Ann for your kind words about my sister. I have wonderful memories of our trip to Ireland.  
Meeting our Grandmother is something I will never forget. Rita

Rita Cooper - May 14 at 04:31 PM

AF

Good to hear from you and hope you are well.

Anne Finnegan - May 14 at 07:35 PM

RC

Anne... where are you living? We are hoping to get to Ireland this year with one of Margi's daughters. It would be wonderful to see you. Are you Uncle Frank's daughter?

Rita Cooper - May 15 at 08:12 AM

AF

*My father was Patrick (Pop) - eldest. I would be delighted to meet you and of course Margi's daughter also. I live in Dublin and I still have family house in Kilcummin. My email is finneganan@hotmail.com  
Would be nice to meet in Kerry. Sadly Uncle Frank died September last. He was so good to visit and full of fun to the last. Let me know and we can arrange.*

Anne Finnegan - May 17 at 10:46 AM

KP

“*Dear Don & Family, I am so saddened to learn of Margi's passing. I have such fond memories of her, especially the time I was 14 and stayed with you for a week while my parents were out of town. She was so warm and welcoming and I so enjoyed my stay, even though several of the children had mumps and then I got them. Margi was a beautiful lady inside and out and I know she will be missed by so many. I live in Arizona now, or I would most certainly be there to pay my respects.*

*With Love and My Most Sincere Sympathy,  
Kathy Lund Philpott*

Kathy Lund Philpott - May 05 at 09:40 PM

JM

“*My deepest sympathies to all of her family. I didn't really get to know her until we started family reunions at Wesie's place in West Lafayette. I just remember how beautiful she was and so sweet. I am from the Eberle family tree, Paul's granddaughter and Jim Eberle's daughter, Jenny. Again my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*Jenine Eberle Mourning*

jenny mourning - May 05 at 09:29 PM

JC

“*To Don and Family,  
My deepest sympathy on the loss of Mrs. Mortell. She was a beautiful lady, a wonderful women, an outstanding golfer, and a "Class Act".  
My parents, Joyce (Brault) and Bob Cosgrove, enjoyed many great times with Don and "Margi" and the Town and Country Dinner Club group. They were always part of our lives. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*Jayne Cosgrove*

Jayne Cosgrove - May 05 at 09:03 PM

JC

“ Janet Billadeau Carr lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret "Margi" Mortell



Janet Billadeau Carr - May 05 at 06:24 PM

KC

“ Katie Chigaros lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret "Margi" Mortell



Katie Chigaros - May 05 at 12:40 PM

JO

“ I met Margo and her husband Don many times over the last 30 some years at family gatherings of Mark and Judy Ottolin. She was a gracious and strong woman who had great devotion to her family. She leaves a great legacy with so many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. God bless her!

Jim Ostrenga - May 05 at 12:10 PM

PC

“ Margi was a wonderful lady and the backbone of the Mortell family. She will be sorely missed by all that knew her.

Preston Cobb - May 05 at 11:36 AM

KB

“ David & Mike - your mom was always such a first class lady in all my interactions with her through Bishop McNamara and the Kankakee Country Club. I remember her inviting me to a Purdue football tailgate party and just keeping my plate filled. I hope you can have lots of laughs and tears recalling her life and her influence on your lives.

Kevin P Boudreau - May 05 at 09:39 AM

DR

“ Just remember how kind and welcoming she was when I would come over to hang out w Deb and usually a lot of other high school friends!.,I think she liked the mayhem!.,She and a few of my moms friends had a bridal shower for me ( about 2 hrs after our mom died. So thoughtful of her🥰

Deb Rorabaugh - May 04 at 07:33 PM

BC

“ Many great memories of Margi-- a full life so well lived...she was the strongest woman I've ever known.

Bob Churik

Bob Churik - May 04 at 03:49 PM

ML

“ "Aunt Margi was a beautiful person and a loving wife, mother and aunt. My mom, her little sister Bernie, looked up to her and shared funny stories about tagging along with her to Indiana Beach. Rest in peace Aunt Margi! You are much loved."

Melanie Lux

Melanie Lux - May 04 at 09:48 AM



“ Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Margi" Mortell.



May 03 at 10:27 PM