



Alice Cunningham O'Gorman

October 17, 1926 - November 3, 2018

Alice Cunningham O'Gorman passed away Saturday, November 3, 2018. She was born October 17, 1926 in Evanston, Illinois to Edward and Alice Cunningham of Wilmette. Alice is survived by her sons Patrick (Debra) of Rockford, IL; John (Jennifer) of Overland Park, KS; Martin (Karen) of Bloomfield Hills, MI; Michael (Ann) of Bourbonnais, IL; daughters, Kathryn (Michael Sigrin) of St. Paul, MN; Mary Alice Schmidt (Tomas) of San Diego, CA; JoAnn Schott (Clayton) of Detroit Lakes, MN; sisters Mariellen Sabato and Margaret Ahmann; 19 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, husband Malachy; sister Monica O'Brien; and brothers-in-law Anthony Sabato, William O'Brien, and Mathew Ahmann; daughter, Anne Smagorinsky; son, James and daughter-in-law Sharon; granddaughter Gina Schmidt and two great grandsons.

Alice graduated from St. Scholastica High School (Chicago) in 1944 and the College of St. Teresa (Winona, MN) in 1948. She married Malachy O'Gorman on Sept. 23, 1950 in Wilmette.

Alice worked as a substitute teacher in the Kankakee school district and held many volunteer positions. Among these are President of The Kankakee League of Women Voters, tutor at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Education

Center (Kankakee) where she taught adult literacy, GED preparation and English as a Second Language. She was also a circuit breaker advisor at Catholic Charities, active in Meals on Wheels, and numerous roles serving her parish St. Martin of Tours in Kankakee, of which she and her husband were founding members.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6th at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, 1480 W. Court St., Kankakee. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. John Paul II Catholic Church (907 S. Ninth Avenue, Kankakee) at 10 am on Wednesday, November 7. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Network – Advocates for Catholic Social Justice <https://networkadvocates.org/about/> or Kankakee Community College ALIVE Literacy Program.

Internment will be held at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais immediately following the service.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

NOV 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

SA

“ *Many years of friendship with this lovely lady. She was always smiling. May the angels escort her to Paradise.*

Shirley/Nick Africano - November 07, 2018 at 01:22 PM

TL

“ *My deepest sympathies Marty and family. I remember your Mom and what a sweet person she was while we were in grade school. God bless Tricia Ciaccio Langevin*

Tricia Ciaccio langevin - November 07, 2018 at 05:00 AM

LH

“ *Mary and family, so sorry for the loss of your mother. It is a tough time! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!*

Lynn (Martin) Houser - November 06, 2018 at 08:54 PM

DF

“ *Alice was this warm, kind, elegant lady who was the mom of my best friend. My sincerest condolences to the O'Gorman family.*

Dave Finch

Dave Finch - November 06, 2018 at 03:49 PM

RL

“ O’Gorman kids, your Mom was one of the nicest moms of my classmates at St. Martin’s. She always had a smile on her beautiful face. I will miss seeing her in the St. Martin’s pew with my Mom and the gang that sits with her. I’m sure your Dad has his arms wrapped around her tight.

God Bless you all, Rhonda Linneman

rhonda Linneman - November 05, 2018 at 01:30 PM

SR

“ Alice was one of a kind as she cared for her family and community. As an adult, I joined Alice in League of Women Voters work in the Kankakee area. Hoping from her new perch in heaven that she can still make her vote count! and continue to help others get to the polls.

Blessings to the O’Gorman family from the Brown family.

Suzy Brown RUDER - November 05, 2018 at 10:39 AM

PZ

“ So sorry to learn of your mother’s passing. I fondly remember her while growing up in the old neighborhood. My sincere condolences to all of the family.

Paul Ziemer - November 05, 2018 at 09:43 AM