



## Beverly A. LaGesse

July 26, 1935 - November 8, 2012

Beverly A. LaGesse, 77, of Bourbonnais, died Thursday (Nov. 8, 2012) in the emergency room at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Bourbonnais. Burial will be in Maternity BVM Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made for Masses or to the donor's choice. Mrs. LaGesse worked in the office of Dr. Schwartz OB/GYN. She later worked in the nursery at Provena St. Mary's Hospital and at the Kankakee County Health Department for the WIC program visiting mothers and babies at home throughout Kankakee County. She was born July 26, 1935, in Papineau, the daughter of Arthur and Gladys Reagen Gereau. She was a graduate of St. Mary's School of Nursing. She was a member of St. Mary's Alumni (nurses). She enjoyed reading, shopping and traveling. Surviving are her husband, Harold P. LaGesse, of Bourbonnais, whom she married Sept. 7, 1957; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Scott LaGesse, of Kankakee, Dale and Joni LaGesse, of Homer Glen, Dan and Cindy LaGesse, of Dunwoody, Ga.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Ellen and Keith Lakin, of Chesterton, Ind., and Helen and Ken Ninke, of St. Joseph, Mich.; two sisters-in-law, Lorraine Mallaney, of North Charleston, S.C., and Dolores Goodman, of Bradley; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be made for Masses or Donor's choice

# Cemetery Details

## Maternity Cemetery

Corner of Canterbury Lane & William Latham  
Dr.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church  
308 E. Marsile  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-8285  
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lovely, kind, caring...you will be very much missed Aunt Bev.* ”



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**Tom Goodman** - November 29, 2012 at 01:40 PM



“ *I too remember that Trivial Pursuit game. My Aunt Bev was the sterotypical aunt who pinched your cheeks and said "my how much you've grown". She was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever known. Until a few years ago I didn't know how sneaky she was. She said that when presents were left under the Christmas tree she couldn't stand not knowing what it was. She would open the present to find out what it was then tape it closed so noone would know. I will miss her warm hugs and fudge.* ”  
*Erin Hurst (Lakin)*

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**Erin Hurst** - November 27, 2012 at 09:36 PM

MK

“ Dan,

*I'm so sorry to hear this news. Your mom was a "fixture" in our lives as young men. I'll never forget the really hilarious times – you, John and I – sitting around the round table in your family room, talking, laughing, drinking beers, and playing games like Pictionary and Trivial Pursuit. I know your mom appreciated that we "hung out" in her home and included her and your father (sometimes!) in our circle. I can still hear her expressions of "Oh My Golly!!" when we perhaps got a little out of hand. And I loved to exchange Agatha Christie stories with her. Your mom was a sweet as they come. I'm sorry for your loss. Mr. LaGessee: my heartfelt sympathy to you. I'm sorry I was unable to be in Bourbonnais at this time. My love to you all. – Matt Kirchman*

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**Matt Kirchman** - November 20, 2012 at 11:36 AM

JA

“ Julie Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Beverly A. LaGessee



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**Julie Anderson** - November 17, 2012 at 08:19 AM

JA

*Bev was an inspiration to all. The perfect example of a life well-lived. We will forever remember her gentle ways and try to honor them in our own lives.*

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**Julie Anderson** - November 17, 2012 at 08:25 AM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Beverly A. LaGesse



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**Christopher Wilcox** - November 13, 2012 at 03:42 PM

CT

“ Carolyn Travis lit a candle in memory of Beverly A. LaGesse



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**Carolyn Travis** - November 13, 2012 at 11:23 AM

CT

*Dan and Family:*

*We send to all of you our condolences.*

*I remember your mother and dad from years ago in school and when they were involved in Scouts with the kids. What a lovely person Beverly always was.*

*May this difficult time be made easier through your faith.*

*Carolyn Travis  
(Blake's Mother)*

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**Carolyn Travis** - November 13, 2012 at 11:34 AM

RR

“ *Bev was such an exceptional lady. My memories of her were that she always remembered me when we saw each other some place, called me by name and seemed genuinely interested in our conversation. That lovely smile she always wore just highlighted my day. Her voice and caring also radiated in the pastoral calls she made while volunteering at the hospital. I was blessed to have known such a lovely lady in my life. Thinking of her will always bring her smile to my mind and her love for others to my heart. That beautiful light is now shining in heaven with the saints of God.*

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**Reisha Raymond** - November 13, 2012 at 09:38 AM

JB

“ *Scott, Your Mom was always so pleasant & friendly when I delivered mail to your parents home, she will be missed all. Jerry the Mailman*

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**jerry bjick** - November 13, 2012 at 06:29 AM

SS

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

*Ike & Sheryl (Weddell) Sutherland*

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**Sheryl Sutherland** - November 12, 2012 at 03:40 PM

CM

“ Harold, Scott, Dale & Joni, Dan-  
My heart goes out to all of you. Bev had such  
a passion for life, especially for her family and  
the babies she cared for. For many years, she  
never failed to send me or my parents a  
Christmas card and it just showed her ability to love unconditionally  
and compassionately. She was a very special lady and I am sure  
that although she will be missed terribly here, that heaven is so  
happy and blessed to have her beautiful presence there.



*My love always,  
Cathy Maier*

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**Cathy Maier** - November 12, 2012 at 10:54 AM

MT

“ Mr Lagesse, Scott, Dale and Dan,  
Barbara and I send our heartfelt condolences,  
your wife and mom was a beacon of light to  
all of us in this world. She was there at the  
hospital when both Michelle and Amy were  
born. The memories of her and her kind heart will always have a  
place within me.



*Michael and Barbara Tetter  
Anniston, Alabama*

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**Michael and Barbara Tetter** - November 12, 2012 at 10:39 AM

BT

“ *LaGesse's: So sorry hear to hear of Beverly's passing. We will always remember how happy she always was. We enjoyed spending time with you in Atlanta, for Gregg's wedding, and the wedding in Savannah. It was fun playing cards but it would have been better if Laurie and I had won. She had a great life and we will miss her.*

*Blake and Laurie Travis  
Family friends*

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**Blake Travis** - November 12, 2012 at 07:37 AM

TM

“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Beverly A. LaGesse*



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**Tom Mallaney** - November 12, 2012 at 05:37 AM

DA

“ *Don And Alice Anderson lit a candle in memory of Beverly A. LaGesse*



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**Don and Alice Anderson** - November 11, 2012 at 05:40 PM

JL

“*"Aunt Beverly" became part of my life when I married her nephew, Jim Legacy. (The photo shows Jim seated with his Aunt Delores, Uncle Harold and Aunt Beverly). Beverly was a gracious and loving lady. She stood in for Jim's mother at our wedding ceremony. She accepted me into the family with much love. Jim has precious memories of her, and the two of us shared many meals and chat times over coffee and pie with her and her dear husband, Harold. While living in the area, we would see Beverly, especially at family events. She was a family lady and dedicated to her sons and husband. After we moved to Florida, we missed that connection and would always make time to see Harold and Bev when we visited Bourbonnais. We last had a "family" lunch with them while we were in town this August. The day after her death, Jim received a birthday card Aunt Beverly had sent on November 5 to him. This greeting has special meaning now since she is gone from us so suddenly. Bless your memory, dear Aunt Beverly, and God comfort and strengthen your dear husband and sons. Love - Jim and Leora Legacy*



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**Jim Legacy** - November 10, 2012 at 07:56 AM