



Carolyn A. Borgialli

February 18, 1921 - April 29, 2023

Carolyn “Grandma Jolly” (Prairie) Borgialli, age 102, of Bourbonnais passed away Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Riverside Medical Center, with family by her side. She was born February 18, 1921 in Kankakee, the daughter of Edward R. & Vernie M. (Rioux) Prairie. Carolyn was one of six children: Frances, Evangeline, Ralph, Loretta, and Vernabelle.

Carolyn married Dominic Borgialli on February 22, 1940 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Together they had two children, Carol and Dominic.

Surviving are one daughter, Carol Hatley of Bourbonnais; one son, Dominic & Gwenn Borgialli of Redondo Beach, CA; four grandchildren, Romy Mietzner of Bourbonnais, Rick Hassett of Live Oak, TX, Lisa Borgialli of Milford, CT, and Matthew Borgialli of Redondo Beach, CA; and six great-grandchildren, Brianne Maksimovic, Britten Mietzner, Macy Mietzner, Lucas Hassett, Dylan Hassett, and Samantha Hassett.

Carolyn led a multifaceted life as she was blessed with abundant talent which she perfected for herself. As a result, she ultimately enriched the lives of others. Carolyn was a Renaissance woman of her time. She was also a person who always wanted to leave a smile on your face.

Carolyn began her life as a Bear Brand worker, sewing socks in her home as a young married woman. She developed her sewing talents and was able to design beautiful clothing and home décor. With endless talent, she worked with metals and textiles designing and then began her painting career. She

painted beautiful pictures for many years of her life. She also helped her mother, at age 65, to develop her painting talent. Carolyn had natural God given musical talent for playing the piano, organ, guitar, accordion, and even a ukulele, which began in her childhood. She loved the piano and perfected this talent throughout her adult years with formal lessons and daily practice. As a result, she became a card-carrying member of the Musician's Guild. She entertained as a pianist throughout the area. Carolyn played extensively at the "Lil Corporal" in Kankakee in the 1960's during the time of Barry Manilow. Later on in life, Carolyn taught music appreciation at Bishop McNamara High School and participated in the annual Madcaps. Further on in her life, Carolyn worked as an activity director at Americana Nursing home and Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home helping people use their talents to the best of their ability. During the later part of her life, she took classes in cartooning. She made humorous cards and poems. At age 93, Carolyn authored a book. It was a humorous true story, "A Family Affair" written and illustrated by Carolyn. The remainder of her life she continued to be lovingly involved with her family, young and old, and always made each one smile in her own special way. Visitation will be held from 4-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023, also at the funeral home. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate the service. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service. Private family inurnment will be held at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Funeral Service

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ Prayers and condolences to all of Carolyn’s family. What a beautiful description of a lady that touched so many lives. Thank you for sharing her inspiring life story. My sister informed me she was her teacher at Bishop McNamara and I’m sure my mother and father watched her at the little corporal as they like going there frequently. Mark McCullough



mark mccullough - May 11, 2023 at 11:23 AM

JG

Nicely stated ACE!

Joseph Giacchino - May 11, 2023 at 04:42 PM

RH

“ My dear Aunt Carolyn
So many memories, you were such huge part of my childhood, always full of fun and adventure, because of you my sister Christine and I won 1st place not once but twice in our local kiddy parade! So many good times were to be had when you came around, we would see you pull up in the driveway and yell, oh Aunt Carolyn’s here! Mom loved it when you visited too, she considered you a sister in law and best friend. Also you hosted the best family get togethers, seeing all my cousins and Aunts and uncles was priceless ! You’ll always hold a special place in my heart. With all my love Renee

Renee Hayes - May 09, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *Memories - Peaceful Reflections Marker was purchased for the family of Carolyn A. Borgialli.*



May 05, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ *Bonnie Raef lit a candle in memory of Carolyn A. Borgialli*



Bonnie Raef - May 05, 2023 at 12:47 AM



Carolyn was a great inspiration for me. I was amazed at her energy, enthusiasm, her talent, her beauty inside and out. I met her in her 90's. She could out walk people much younger! Amazing lady! Carolyn I have been blessed to know you. You'll be missed.

Diane Viglia - May 10, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ *Stephen Vellutini lit a candle in memory of Carolyn A. Borgialli*



Stephen Vellutini - May 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM

LG

“ i knew carolyn from riverwoods apartments then again at miller my dad was there too and i would always talk to her she always smiled when i told her who i was she remembered me we played dice alot she was a wonderful person to know i loved her scarfs with the many pins she would wear every day thank you carolyn god bless you and your family

Linda Gocken - May 04, 2023 at 02:42 PM

PP

“ Paul Puffer lit a candle in memory of Carolyn A. Borgialli



Paul Puffer - May 04, 2023 at 12:44 PM

RL

“ Renee LeBeau lit a candle in memory of Carolyn A. Borgialli



Renee LeBeau - May 03, 2023 at 09:18 PM

AL

“ Carol, keeping you and your family in our prayers. Sending you peace and love.
Alison & Michael

Alison/Michael - May 03, 2023 at 09:06 PM

AM

“ Alison And Michael lit a candle in memory of Carolyn A. Borgialli



Alison and Michael - May 03, 2023 at 09:04 PM

KH

“ Heaven received another Angel! Carolyn was my Best Friends Aunt. I was lucky enough to enjoy time with her when she visited her Brother Ralph's family. Aunt Carolyn was a hoot and always made us laugh. She played that piano like no other. It was always a pleasure seeing my friends very special Aunt! Fond memories make me Smile. ❤️😊 May Aunt Carol play that piano 🎹 in heaven!

Karen Hankus - May 03, 2023 at 08:53 PM

JG

“ Joe Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Carolyn A. Borgialli



Joe Giacchino - May 03, 2023 at 04:43 PM

MM

With heartfelt sympathy to Carol and Dominic, and their families, at the loss of your mother - she was a gracious and beautiful lady.

Marie Marsalli

Marie Marsalli - May 04, 2023 at 07:04 AM