



## Catherine D. Lawless

October 9, 1920 - September 11, 2020

Catherine D. Lawless, age 99, of Kankakee, passed away Friday, September 11, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

She was born October 9, 1920 in Cullom, the daughter of Charles & Mabel Farber Ortman.

Catherine married Ira F. Lawless on July 28, 1945 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

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

Catherine was a loving wife of Ira for 75 years, a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Catherine was a talented seamstress her entire life.

She enjoyed ceramics, porcelain and china painting and spent 35 years as a gifted painter/artist.

Surviving are her husband, Ira Lawless of Riverside Senior Living in Bourbonnais; one son and daughter-in-law, James & Lynne Lawless of McCall, Idaho; one daughter, Marilyn McCall of Spring Grove; one sister, Rita DesMarteau of Kankakee; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Catherine is preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Francis, Robert, and Richard Ortman; and one son-in-law, Bill McCall.

Visitation will be 9:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at St. Patrick

Catholic Church in Kankakee. Rev. John Peeters will celebrate the Mass.  
Entombment will follow at Mt. Calvary Mausoleum in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Hearts of Hope Youth Ministry of St. Patrick  
Church.

Please sign her guestbook at [www.clancygernon.com](http://www.clancygernon.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

SEP 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

# Tribute Wall

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“ We extend our deepest sympathies to Ira and his family. She was a very sweet lady and both of them were friends to everyone.

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**Brian and Marilyn Albers** - September 16, 2020 at 10:02 PM

RF

“ Both Ira and Catherine were thoughtful and generous neighbors when we lived across the street on South Elm. As new home owners John and I frequently knocked on their door to borrow something. Rest in Peace.  
Rita Foltz

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**Rita Foltz** - September 16, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of Catherine. She was a beautiful lady that shared a wonderful life with Ira. Their love and devotion to each other is an example for all of us.  
I remember when we visited last fall at Riverside Senior Living she was looking forward to her 100th birthday. I guess God wanted her to celebrate it with him in Heaven.  
Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the family. Be comforted by your memories and love.  
Rest In Peace Dear Lady. 🙏  
Ted & Laurie Munsinger

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**Ted Munsinger** - September 15, 2020 at 12:40 PM

AF

“ I am so sorry for your Loss. Prayers and heartfelt thoughts to Ira and all the family. She was a beautiful Lady inside and out. She will truly be missed. May God's love heal and bless you

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**Ann M Papineau Fleming** - September 15, 2020 at 10:46 AM

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“ *Ira & Family*

*So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God be with you.*

*Sincere sympathy, Nat Ferrari Schultz*

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**Natalene Schultz** - September 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM