



## Charles "Chuck" Gonczy

March 18, 1942 - November 13, 2016

Charles "Chuck" Gonczy, 74, passed away from this life to his eternal home on Sunday, Nov. 13, at Miller Rehabilitation Center, Kankakee. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Chicago to Louis and Elizabeth Gonczy on March 18, 1942. He grew up in the small town of Morocco, IN. He graduated from Morocco High School in 1960, and then joined the United States Navy, where he served as a Hospital Corpsman in Washington D.C.

Chuck married Diane Lambert on February 4, 1967 at St. Joseph Church in Bradley they were married 49 years. They raised two amazing daughters who had their dad wrapped around their fingers.

Chuck recently retired from the Secretary of the State of Illinois Office. Currently had been serving as a Commissioner on the Police and Fire departments for the Village of Bradley.

He was also an active member of the Bradley Bourbonnais Rotary club, serving as president in 2014-15. He was also a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus member and a Bradley American Legion member.

Chuck enjoyed golfing, fishing, traveling and dinner with special friends. But most of all being a Papa to his four grandchildren Julia, Abby, Jack and Max who he adored.

He is survived by his wife Diane. Children Gina (Chip) Shaw of Wheaton, Amy (Larry) Thompson of Bradley, and grandchildren Julia and Jack Shaw of Wheaton and Abby and Max Thompson of Bradley. Special nephew Bobby (Diane) Gonczy of Morocco, IN.

Brother Robert (Barb) Gonczy of Morocco, IN., Louis (Carma) Gonczy of Arizona, and Beth (Gill) Boyd Lott of Maryland. And many loving nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death are his parents and brothers, Patrick and Michael.

Chuck will be dearly missed by his family and many friends. He was a natural born storyteller and he loved sharing stories and jokes. In fact he recently wrote a memoir of his days growing up in Morocco, IN. He was very proud of his book Growing Up Charley, leaving this legacy to his family and friends.

Visitation scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais from 4:00-8:00 pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 17, at St. Joseph Church in Bradley at 11:00 am.

Memorials suggested to the Kankakee Valley Autism Society and St. Joseph Church, Bradley.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **16.** 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

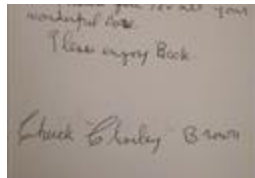
NOV **17.** 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
211 N. Center Street  
Bradley, IL 60915  
(815) 939-3573  
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

# Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Last year I had the honor and pleasure of caring for Mr. Gonczy. We talked about writing, friends, adventures and most of all family. He had his daughter bring me a copy of his book which he so wonderfully autographed for me. I loved the book and shared it with my family and they too enjoyed it very much. Thank you all, treasured family and friends, for sharing this wonderful spirit with the world. I will never forget "Charley" and will say prayers of strength and love to you all. I imagine him reunited with Norbert raising some hilarity!



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**Rachel Zilewicz Joseph** - November 16, 2016 at 08:55 PM

TL

“ Diane and family,

*We are so sorry for your loss. We always remember Chuck as the life of the party, always smiling and laughing and ready with a new joke. We are so happy that we were able to see both of you in October. God bless you Diane.*

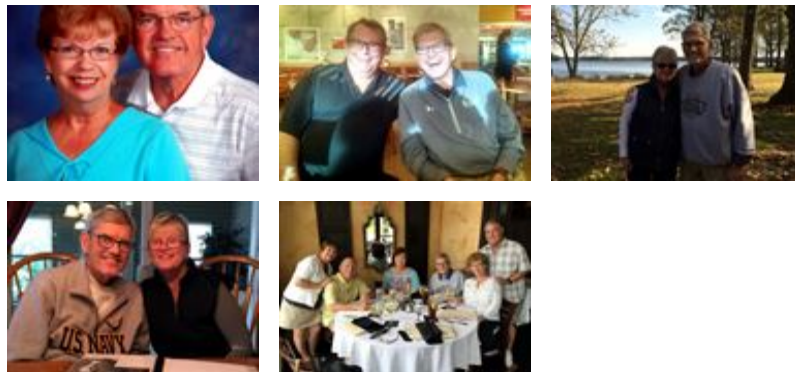
*Keeping you in our prayers,  
Tom & Kay Lahners*

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**Tom & Kay Lahners** - November 16, 2016 at 10:05 AM



“ 148 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - November 16, 2016 at 07:49 AM

SR

*Thank you for sharing these beautiful family photos of your beloved husband, father, and grandfather. What a blessing. Peace to all of you during this very difficult time. 🙏*

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**Syd Rose-Churney** - November 16, 2016 at 01:58 PM

NI

“ *Dear Diane and family,  
I was saddened to hear about the loss of your beloved husband and dad. I only knew him through our class reunions and at church, but you always seemed so happy and have raised a beautiful family together. I am so sorry for your loss and send you my prayers and love.*

*I will tell my brother Tom . He's in Florida for the winter.*

*Nance Lahnerns Ivie*

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**Nancy S Ivie** - November 15, 2016 at 10:21 PM

NW

“ Dear Di and girls  
I am so sorry for your loss of Chuck. May he Rest In Peace. Nancy  
Ponikvar Waller

nancy s waller - November 15, 2016 at 02:04 PM

WP

“ Diane, Gina, Amy and families, Wally and I are so sorry to hear of  
Chuck's passing. We will never forget all the good times we had  
with your family. We remember the first time Chuck and Wally met  
at Bud and Swedes in Watseka, Il. They took our purses, arm in  
arm and went into the men's room. That was the beginning of a long  
friendship. He will sadly misses by everyone. Our hearts and  
prayers are with you, Diane and your family.

Wally and Madonna Pawloski - November 15, 2016 at 01:59 PM

LE

“ My sincere sympathies to Chuck's Family.  
Chuck was a wonderful family devoted  
Christian man whom I was proud to know in  
business! Be comforted u will see him again  
in Heaven with our LORD & Savior Jesus  
Christ! Absent from the body is to be Present with The Lord! Jesus  
said to the man on the cross, "TODAY, u will be with me in  
Paradise!" As I am sure Chuck is there today! Our lives here on  
earth are but for a moment compared to Eternity with the Lord! 🌿



Lesla - November 15, 2016 at 01:57 PM

CM

“ *Diane, Gina, Amy & families: So sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. Will keep you in our thoughts & prayers.*

*Cathie & Clarence Miedema*



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**Cathie Miedema** - November 15, 2016 at 11:32 AM

CB

“ *Cathy Beine lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Gonczy*



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**Cathy Beine** - November 15, 2016 at 11:13 AM

LM

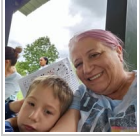
“ *Diane, Gina, Amy and families - words can not express what I am feeling right now. Chuck was an amazing man who always went out of his way to help Joe and I when we lived next door. He even earned the honorary title of "Uncle Chuck" with our children. He will be greatly missed. Prayers of comfort.*

*Love*

*Lynette, Julia and Joe Paul Malik*

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**Lynette Malik** - November 15, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ Tina Mazzuchi lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Gonczy



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**Tina Mazzuchi** - November 15, 2016 at 09:55 AM

DM

“ Will never forget his great smile, hearty laugh and warm heart. I always looked forward to when Chuck was working at my dads store. I new it would be more fun with him there to act silly with me. I will remember All the days that he lived, and brought joy to all. I will trully miss you Chuck. I'll text you in heaven when the time changes again . Love you ❤️  
Denise

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**Denise Mulligan** - November 15, 2016 at 07:25 AM

SI

“ Sister Inga lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Gonczy



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**Sister Inga** - November 14, 2016 at 07:09 PM