



Daryl J. Arseneau

December 6, 1945 - September 13, 2025

Daryl J. Arseneau, age 79 of Bourbonnais, passed away September 13, 2025 at her home. She was born December 6, 1945, in Kankakee, the daughter of Ralph and Freeda (Jones) Legris.

Daryl married Melvin H. Arseneau on March 22, 1969, at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Bourbonnais where they are still parishioners.

Daryl was a graduate of Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School.

Daryl started working as a teen in the kitchen of Notre Dame Convent, she also worked at Amberg File Plant in Kankakee, was a manager of Pizza Hut in Bourbonnais, a bartender at T.J. Donlins while her children were in college and retired from J.C. Penney's after 30 years of service at the Meadowview Shopping Center and Northfield Square Mall stores.

Her interests included attending USO events in Rantoul with friends, which was how she met Melvin, playing cards monthly, at "Card Club" with her friends from high school, playing guitar in Maternity BVM's liturgical music group, lector, eucharistic minister and singing for masses, baking cakes for birthdays, showers, weddings, and making caramel brownies (especially for her grandchildren), lemon squares and puppy chow for family and friends.

Daryl is survived by her loving husband Melvin of Bourbonnais, her children Michelle (Jack) Gilhooly of Munster, IN, and Doug (Shannon) Arseneau of Chicago, IL, her grandchildren Catie, Annie, Abbey and Miles, sister Linda (Joel) Peterson of Durango, CO, brother-in-law Robert (Bob) Giroux of Bradley, IL, sister-in-law Julie Baker of Watseka, IL, three brothers-in-law

David (Carol) Arseneau of Loda, IL, Keith Arseneau of Beaverville, IL and Joel Arseneau of Westview, IL and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Daryl is preceded in death by her parents, sister Janice Giroux, brother Ralph Legris, sister-in-law Marilyn Champagne.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial visitation will be held from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, September 28, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Memorial mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, September 29, 2025 at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Bourbonnais.

Inurnment will be at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to Uplifted Care.

The family would like to thank the staff of Uplifted Care, Miller Rehabilitation, Riverside Home Healthcare and the Bourbonnais Fire Department for the care they provided to Daryl over the past five years.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP **28**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Mass

SEP **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

WW

“ *Melvin, Michelle, and Doug*
We are saddened to hear of Daryl's passing. Daryl and I worked on many projects together while our children attended Maternity BVM school. She was a wonderful baker who made many beautiful cakes for our children's birthdays and a red-dotted one for me when I came down with chicken pox at the age of 41!! I will always treasure the wonderful memories I have of this sweet lady.
Distance and health keep us from being able to attend the services but know we are with all of you in spirit. May God grant you comfort and peace.
Wilma, Chuck, Shawn, Chris, and Jason

Wilma and Chuck Witt - September 28, 2025 at 05:18 PM

VB

“ *Melvin,Michelle,Doug and your families, sorry I could not make it today. Just know my thoughts and prayers are with your whole family.Daryl was a wonderful person and like a second mom of the block growing up.*



Vicki Bolin-Wicker - September 28, 2025 at 04:00 PM

JC

“ *Jon Corso lit a candle in memory of Daryl J. Arseneau*



Jon Corso - September 28, 2025 at 03:22 PM

JC

“ *My heart goes out to the Arseneau and Legris families. Daryl was a sweet and wonderful person.* ”

Jon Corso - September 28, 2025 at 03:22 PM

SH

“ *Shirley Harris lit a candle in memory of Daryl J. Arseneau* ”



Shirley Harris - September 26, 2025 at 06:07 PM

KR

“ *Kathy Riley lit a candle in memory of Daryl J. Arseneau* ”



kathy Riley - September 26, 2025 at 12:14 PM

BP

“ *Bruce Palmateer lit a candle in memory of Daryl J. Arseneau* ”



Bruce Palmateer - September 23, 2025 at 06:21 PM

BP

Sorry about Daryl Melody and Bruce were thinking about you and the family Melody worked with her about 30 years had fun at Christmas time etc.

Bruce and Melody Palmateer - September 24, 2025 at 10:47 AM

CW

“ *She was such a sweet lady and a wonderful cook! Many happy memories at BVM!*

Carol Whittington - September 20, 2025 at 05:12 PM

TD

“ *Heartfelt condolences to Melvin and the entire family. I also bartended at TJ Donlins with Daryl. She was liked by all. She was a sweet, sincere and a funny person. RIP Daryl.*

Tom Dandelles - September 17, 2025 at 05:48 PM

SH

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Mevin,Michelle and Doug on their loss.* 🙏
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Shirley Harris - September 16, 2025 at 04:23 PM

MC

“ *Melvin and family,
We are so saddened to see Daryl has passed away. Our memories made together of the boys activity's growing up! So many laughs. May she RIP. Will keep all of you in our prayers in the days ahead.
Hugs, Rick and Marla*



Marla and Rick Coy - September 15, 2025 at 07:12 PM