

Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte

June 18, 1926 - January 16, 2014

Deacon Euchrist J. "Mush" Marcotte, 87, of Bourbonnais, passed away Thursday (Jan. 16, 2014) at his home.

He was born June 18, 1926, the son of Ralph and Rosella Mercier Marcotte. His wife, the former Yvonne Marie Messier, whom he married June 11, 1949, passed away Feb. 17, 1982. After Yvonne's death, he studied to become a deacon. He was ordained as a Permanent Deacon on Sept. 6, 1986.

Mush joined the U.S. Navy. He served with his brothers, Kenneth (U.S. Army) and Roland (U.S. Navy) during World War II.

After the Navy, Mush worked for the U.S. Post Office and later at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, school and cemetery. He worked for the Village of Bourbonnais Animal Control, where he always found homes for the animals. He was one of the first bus drivers for District 53. He retired in 1993 after more than 35 years of service to Maternity BVM. After that, he was an active volunteer in Share Foods. He also worked at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes.

Mush made several medical mission trips to Belize with his sister and brother-in-law, Henrietta and Francis "Foo" Chamness, where he made many new friends.

He was a past member of the Holy Name Society of MBVM and the Knights of Columbus. He helped with the monthly "Garbage Can Dinners" for the area nursing homes. He also was active with "Project Recycle" repairing bikes for area children.

Mush was also a longtime coach for the women's softball team where he coached for the "Dairy Queen" team. Papa Mush was the "go to" babysitter for all his grandchildren. He always had Chicken Noodle soup or a trip to the Dairy Queen.

Mush is survived by son and daughter-in-law, David (Gina) Marcotte, of Manteno; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Donna, of Bourbonnais, Debbie (Bill) Castongia, Lorrie (Steve) Thornton, of Kankakee, and Diane (Adrian) Denault, of Bradley; nine grandchildren, Dawn (Steve) Hollister, Rachel Thornton, Kaitlin (Jared) Walters, Erick Gereaux, Adam (Valerie), Jacob (Julie), Luke (Jill), and Matthew Marcotte, and Ethan Castongia; seven great-grandchildren, Reagan, Damien, Skyler, Mackenzie, Tristan, Christian and Jenna; brother, Roland (Ellie) Marcotte; sisters and sisters-in-law, Henrietta Chamness, Rose Longtin, Pat Perreault, Esther Marcotte, Mary Marcotte, Gert Dupuis and Anne Messier.

He was preceded in death by one son, Dean Thomas; brother and brothers-in-law, Kenneth and Red Marcotte, Harold Longtin, Jim Ealy, Foo Chamness, Ambrose Perreault; and sister, Phoebe Ealy.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Bourbonnais. Burial will be in Maternity BVM Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to Maternity BVM Catholic Church or to Presence Our Lady of Victory in Bourbonnais.

Please sign his online guestbook at clancygernon.com.

Cemetery Details

Maternity Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 3:00 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

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *To Debbie and all
All good wishes and blessings with you and your family in these weeks following your dad's death. My memories of him were mostly those from primary school, but my dad always cherished your dad's friendship during the '60s. It was good to see you and 'Mush' a couple of years ago.
Love and prayers from us both,
Mary Betz and Bill Betz*

marybetz - February 09, 2014 at 09:01 PM

KL

“ *To the entire Marcotte family our deepest sympathy on the death of your father, grandfather & great-grandfather. I too knew Mush from grade school and the many church events we attended. He was a great man with who loved life and people and would always brighten your day! We were very fortunate to have known him and your entire family. Sincerely Kerry & Paula Loiselle*

Kerry Loiselle - January 27, 2014 at 07:21 PM

PR

“ *I looked forward to every golf outing that Mush played at Kankakee Country Club -
He was a model of energy and joy for life- he aged but never got old ! My sincerest
condolences to the family and many friends that will miss him dearly.*

Paul Reinking - January 23, 2014 at 08:53 PM

AR

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Marcotte family. Our prayers are with you.

The Arrington family

arrington - January 21, 2014 at 08:14 PM

MG

“ Our deepest sympathy to his family. Mush was one of a kind, a very giving and also a happy person, I don't think we every seen him with a sad face, he will be missed but remembered also in our heart.

Bob and Marian Golemo

Marian Golemo - January 21, 2014 at 03:52 PM

PV

“ Paulette And Vicki lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte



Paulette and Vicki - January 21, 2014 at 11:02 AM

JB

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Deacon Marcotte. When everyone else said "no" he said we will get through this together and we did!!!!. We are eternally gratefull for all he has done for us. May he rest in the eternal light of the Lord and look down upon us with his ever caring spirit. I was happy I got to talk to him just recently to again share his kind and spirited way.



*Joe and Anthonette Bisselle
Mesa, AZ*

Joe and Anthonette Bisselle - January 21, 2014 at 10:16 AM

CR

“ *Mush will always be remembered with happy memories from my childhood. His infectious smile and laugh are something I will never forget. It was an honor growing up in the neighborhood with Mush and his wonderful family, and my condolences go out to all of you. Rest in peace. Sincerely, Chris Rivard*

Chris Rivard - January 21, 2014 at 10:12 AM

LH

“ *Our sympathy to the Marcotte family. I showed the obituary to my dad and he sends his love and prayers. He talked with me today about some memories of him and your dad and how long they've known each other - way back when they were young men in the Holy Name Society. May The Lord comfort you in your grief. Doug Altmyer and Laurie and Todd Haynes*

laurie haynes - January 20, 2014 at 11:10 PM

LN

“ We called each other "Trouble" and both of us were right.....you know how much I loved you and that crazy laugh that was worse than mine. You were a treasured gift to the entire Maternity Family. You will be very sadly missed. Thanks for being soooooo special !!!
Lori Naese and family

Lori Naese - January 20, 2014 at 02:21 PM

JR

“ Deacon Mush RIP, Thank you for all the wonderful memories you created with our family you touched so many lives. It was a great Honor to know such a kind man!!
God Bless you, Deacon.
Hugs, Jillian Rojas



Jillian Rojas - January 20, 2014 at 11:05 AM

MJ

“ You have been truly blessed to have such a unique and wonderful father as Mushmellon. I can't think of anyone who could make me smile as your Dad. The 'Hey Baby', the hugs, the big grin and robust laugh. I will so miss those, as you will. But we have been blessed to have him and blessed to be able to keep those memories close at heart. I feel blessed to have known him and loved him. I feel blessed to share so many great memories in our three trips to Belize. Didn't know your Dad was a pharmacist - did you?? And one who cared with passion and compassion. I am sad, but am happy. We had him many years - it is your Mom's turn now. We are a better human being for his existence. Thank you for sharing him with us.



Mileen Joines - January 19, 2014 at 08:49 PM



“ *Mush was the kindest of men and we were blessed to know him. Our deepest condolences to the family.*

Patricia Sander - January 19, 2014 at 01:29 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Marcotte family. We did not get to visit often enough. Mush will be missed by all... Hugs to the family and our deepest regrets that we can not make the visitation. Love Annie Messier, Kurt & Sherri, Mike & Cindy & families.*

Sherri Messier - January 18, 2014 at 05:34 PM



“ *Mary Lou Pallissard lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte*



Mary Lou Pallissard - January 18, 2014 at 05:23 PM

MP

“ *" My first memories of Mush was the wonderful bus driver as my two sons entered into school. He was so great with the kids; he made the little ones feel safe on the bus with the older kids and kept the older kids in line. They all loved him. As the years have gone by he has baptized each and everyone of our 8 grandkids. Our family all loved him. And like others I will always remember his laugh and giggle. He was a wonderful person who has left lots of good memories for many people. God bless you Mush; you will always be remembered. I'm sure you are living things up with all your family and friends in heaven. Save a place for the rest of us at your table. Rest in peace dear friend.*



Mary Lou Pallissard.

Mary Lou Pallissard - January 18, 2014 at 05:19 PM



“ *Dennis Dunlavey lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte*



Dennis Dunlavey - January 18, 2014 at 05:14 PM



“ *I grew up across the street from Mush. He was truly an amazing and wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family in this time of loss. Mush will truly be missed by many.*

Amber Hooker - January 18, 2014 at 04:12 PM



“ He was always great to me as an alter boy. CCD teacher. Even found me at church when i had a health scare. RIP MUSH.

Michael Lause - January 18, 2014 at 02:06 PM



“ I will always remember his smile...and that laugh...that laugh was so infectious and of course always followed by a hug...ironic that I was just thinking of you the other day..
RIP Mush...our loss is certainly Heaven's gain...

Mary Jo Schrock - January 18, 2014 at 01:46 PM



“ So many wonderful memories of Uncle Mush and Aunt Yvonne. I know we will all miss his great smile and whit, but God has saved a special place for this special person. He has joined a host of family and friends that I am sure are partying now that he has joined their ranks. Every time I think of Uncle Mush I have a big smile on my face, how could you not. He always welcomed you into his home and his life. Tears are flowing that I won't be able to see him on this earth but I cannot help but think that we will all see him again if we earn that for our self. See you again Uncle Mush!

Cindy Lenzie - January 18, 2014 at 01:28 PM



“ Tamie Wright-Riffell lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte



Tamie Wright-Riffell - January 18, 2014 at 12:47 PM

GB

“ I'm Gaynell Alldread Burns, Mush was the greatest bus driver we ever had. I had him from 1st grade thru 8th grade. Every one of us kids from Altorf loved him! He knew just what to say or do if we got out of line.

If we were good all year with our parents permission he would take us to Dairy Queen the last day of school. He is such a good memory for all us kids. I was so very sad to hear of his passing, but I will never forget him, I actually have told my husband of Mush and what a fantastic person he was!!!

Rest in Pease Mush, And know how very much you will be missed !!
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Gaynell Alldread Burns - January 18, 2014 at 11:57 AM

GC

“ Gregory M. Cantway lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte



Gregory M. Cantway - January 18, 2014 at 11:17 AM



“ Debbie Menser-Dunlavey lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte



Debbie Menser-Dunlavey - January 18, 2014 at 11:08 AM

BC

“ *What a great man! Mush has been a part of my world since childhood. He was my busdriver and was always animated and friendly to us kids. He was my parents friend, and showed great tenderness and compassion toward my mother when my father had passed. He brought communion and his gentleness was always so touching. What a beautiful guiding light he shone for all to follow. my sincere sympathy,*
Bonnie (Larimer) Christie

Bonnie Christie - January 18, 2014 at 10:30 AM



“ *David Dunlavey lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte*



David Dunlavey - January 18, 2014 at 09:49 AM

MB

“ *Marilyn (Krupa) Burns lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte*



Marilyn (Krupa) Burns - January 18, 2014 at 07:53 AM

MB

“Mush was one of the first people I met when I started my first day at Maternity BVM back in the Fall of '62. He took me under his wing and I never felt such a warm welcome in my life as I did from "Uncle Mush". He was a kid magnet. Whenever he was around, the kids would be right there with him. And as I learned from my parents and over the years, while we kids adored him, adults thought of him as their friend. He was beloved by all. His passing is a great loss to many, but no loss is greater in his passing than to his family. But perhaps you can take some comfort in knowing that he touched many lives. God Bless "Uncle Mush", and God Bless the Marcotte family in this time of sadness. You are all in my prayers.

--Marilyn (Krupa) Burns

Marilyn (Krupa) Burns - January 18, 2014 at 07:51 AM

 Lisa
Tollard

“Mush will always be part of my favorite memories of childhood! I feel truly blessed to be able to say that he had been in my life. Condolences to the family on your loss.



Lisa Tollard - January 18, 2014 at 07:43 AM

RW

“Rod Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte



Rod Wolfe - January 18, 2014 at 06:54 AM

JP

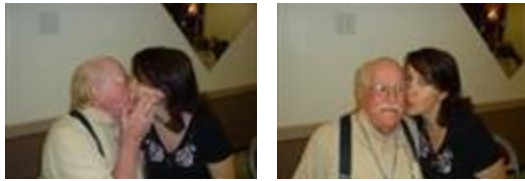
“ I attended Maternity BVM grade school thru the 60's. Diane in my class and her Dad was Mush Marcotte, then the custodian....but he was so much more to each and every child that came through those doors. He watched over us all. He always made you smile (giggle). Kind, generous, sincere, trustworthy, powerful spirit, that we were so fortunate to have as a part of our lives. My sincere sympathies to you Diane and family. Find comfort in knowing you have a strong angel watching over you forever.

Julia Denault Parker

Julia Parker - January 17, 2014 at 10:40 PM



“ My dear Uncle Mush. I will miss you so much!



Martie Kelley - January 17, 2014 at 10:30 PM

LM

“ *Laura Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte*



Laura mitchell - January 17, 2014 at 09:31 PM

NF

“ *Debbie & Diane:*

Thoughts and prayers are with you. Please accept our sympathy. You may not remember me (Nat) we bowled in the same league for many years, our team was Exline Gun Club. God bless, Nat & Ralph Ferrari

Nat/Ralph Ferrari - January 17, 2014 at 08:05 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Wood lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte*



Debbie Wood - January 17, 2014 at 07:35 PM



“ *Denise Marcotte lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte*



Denise Marcotte - January 17, 2014 at 06:57 PM

JL

“ *Jim And Dawn LaVoie lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte*



Jim and Dawn LaVoie - January 17, 2014 at 05:45 PM

PS

“ *Marcotte family I am so sorry you lost your amazing dad, he will be missed by many,. Love and prayers sent your way.*



Pat Schlenz - January 17, 2014 at 05:40 PM

LS

“ *Lynn Sheehan lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte*



lynn sheehan - January 17, 2014 at 03:54 PM

LK

“ *Laura Kyrouac lit a candle in memory of Deacon Euchrist "Mush" Marcotte*



Laura Kyrouac - January 17, 2014 at 03:53 PM