



## Diane L. Macaluso

September 21, 1941 - July 9, 2015

Diane L. Macaluso, age 72, of Bourbonnais died Thursday, July 9, 2015 at RML Specialty Hospital in Hinsdale. She was born September 21, 1942 in Wichita, Kansas to Donald and Margaret Roach Hartquist. Diane married Dominic Macaluso on November 9, 1979 in Kankakee, Illinois.

Survivors include her husband Dominic of Bourbonnais; her children Ray Jay (Allison) Benoit of Asheville, North Carolina; Andrew (Judy) Benoit of Phoenix, Arizona; Timothy (Linda) Benoit of Burbank, California; Dr. Daniel (Raquel) Benoit of Bourbonnais, Illinois; Kristin (Dean) Hoppes of Phoenix, Arizona; John (Jaime) Macaluso of Bradley, Illinois; Therese (Robert) Dupuis of Springfield, Illinois and Lisa Macaluso of Westminster, Maryland. She is also survived by 28 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Margaret Thompson of Tucson, Arizona and Laurie (Terry) Cailteux of McKinney, Texas; many dear friends and classmates of “The Slumber Party Girls” and the “Master’s Blend” bible study. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Diane retired from Mortell Company/Dow Chemical in the Human Resources Department; her son’s podiatry practice, Associated Foot and Ankle Clinics. Diane was an avid reader, loved attending her grandchildren’s functions and sporting events. She was member of St. Patrick Church, a former member of Kankakee Junior League. She was a 1960 graduate of St. Patrick Central

High School.

Visitation will be from 4 – 8 PM on Tuesday, July 14 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Bourbonnais, Illinois. There will be a funeral mass at 11 AM Wednesday at St. Patrick Church, Kankakee, Illinois. Inurnment will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Patrick Church or Hospice of Kankakee Valley. You may sign guestbook at [www.clancygernon.com](http://www.clancygernon.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 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

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



Dean  
Collins

“ Dear Don & Family, Sincere sympathy for your Diane, my classmate starting in first grade at St. Pat's School. Now she has a place at The Lord's Table.

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**Dean Collins** - July 17, 2015 at 01:40 PM



K(

“ I did not know my cousin's wife Diane very well. What I remember about Diane the most was her warmth, compassion and her infectious laugh. She was such a warm kind - truly lovely lady. I am saddened by the news of her death. My heart goes out to all her family

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**Karen Kern (Regnier)** - July 14, 2015 at 11:57 PM



JG

“ A beautiful woman and mother whose light will always shine brightly through the memories you have of her. My sincere condolences to her husband and children, Jay, Andy, Tim and Cricket. RIP Mrs. Benoit- Macaluso.....Jodi Gerth-Brandenburg

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**jodi gerth-brandenburg** - July 14, 2015 at 10:04 PM



AW

“ Diane was a fantastic woman to start cardiac rehab with back in 1997. She would get me laughing so hard my chest would hurt. Through the years we shared many of ball games watching Ben and Collin. I know that heaven is better place with her being there. God Bless You All.

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**Alan Ward** - July 14, 2015 at 05:29 PM

BP

“ My deepest sympathy and heartfelt thoughts to your entire family. Diane and I worked together at Mortell Company for 18 years along with our friend Vera. We shared good times and bad. My prayers are with you.

*Beverly Perkins*

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**Beverly Perkins** - July 14, 2015 at 04:32 PM

DH

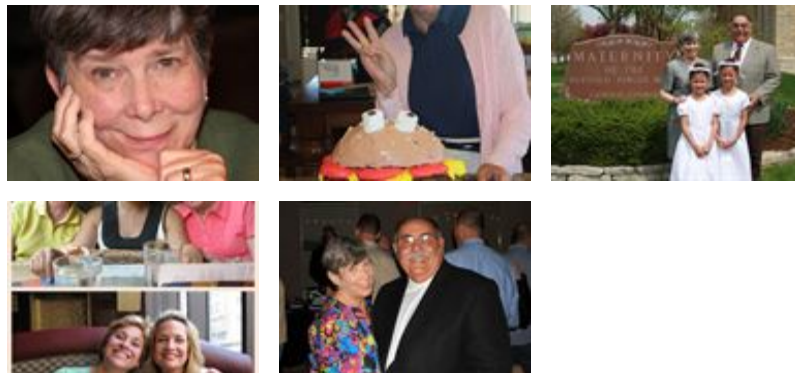
“ So sorry to read today of Diane's death. We were classmates at St. Patrick Central HS and graduated together in 1960. Deepest sympathy to all of her family and I will always remember her as vivacious and spunky and one of the best cheerleaders St. Pat's ever had and a very, very sweet person all around. God bless her with a special place in Heaven. Most sincerely, Diane (Penny) Schlenz Hall from Tucson, AZ ( I see her sister, Margaret, lives here in Tucson. I am in the St. Pat's directory and on FB if you want to get in touch.)

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**Diane L.(Penny) Schlenz Hall** - July 14, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ 122 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - July 13, 2015 at 02:06 PM

LF

“ *Dear Don and family,  
We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers  
on the loss of Diane. She was a very warm  
and lovely lady with a beautiful spirit! She will  
be forever missed. May God comfort all of  
you. Know that Diane will always live through all of you and in our  
hearts.*



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**Louis and Jolynne Fahey** - July 13, 2015 at 12:31 AM

LH

“ *Don and Family:  
So sorry to hear of your loss. She was truly an angel. My God  
comfort you at this time. Lori Morrival Hoekstra*

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**Lori Morrival Hoekstra** - July 12, 2015 at 05:28 PM

ML

“ So sorry for all of you. Such a strong matriarch for the family. Don't ever remember Diane being angry. When surrounded by crazy chaos, especially when her five children were little and with a Saint Bernard in the house and later their beloved "Poochie" and other pets, Diane would find the humor in it all and laugh her way through it. She always took the time to try to understand and then would calmly make her point. What a gift. Never met anyone who could absorb herself so completely in a book as she did, even when the room was full of other activities and noise. She was an avid reader and a loyal friend and a great and devoted family member. She was such a wonderful loving and kind hearted person. So happy she was able to be surrounded by so many of her grandchildren and experience their ups and downs and fabulous life achievements. Know she was so very proud of each and everyone of her children, step children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren. It's family that she enjoyed most. My heart goes out to each of you for this great loss. Know the last several months have been extremely difficult and especially for you Dom and also Danny and family and others traveling back and forth to the hospital as Diane struggled to make it through. May her strength and courage and kindness live on in all of you. Wishing you all peace of mind. Take care.

Mary Jane (Evans) Lear

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Mary Jane Lear - July 12, 2015 at 09:02 AM

RP

“ Our deepest sympathy Don and family in your loss of Diane. She was a beautiful and very brave lady. She was loved by so many and will be deeply missed. You're in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love,  
Gary & Rose Marie & family



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Rose Marie Piattr - July 11, 2015 at 07:33 PM

MV

“ *Diane was a special woman and I have so many fond memories of her from growing up with her family down the block. Love to all the family & I am so sorry for your loss. I will never forget that she let us sneak over to her house and watch "The Monkeys" with the boys.*  
:D

**Mary Vogt** - July 11, 2015 at 09:33 AM

SI

“ *Sister Inga lit a candle in memory of Diane L. Macaluso*



**Sister Inga** - July 10, 2015 at 08:29 PM

PH

“ *Our sympathy to Diane's family. We will have great memories of our fun times with her in our younger days. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Pat and Bruce Huot  
Fairview, Texas*

**Pat Huot** - July 10, 2015 at 06:57 PM

DK

“ *Dewey Kilbride lit a candle in memory of Diane L. Macaluso*



**Dewey Kilbride** - July 10, 2015 at 05:04 PM

DK

*My deepest sympathies at Diane's passing. She was a delightful person and always very engaging and pleasant. She will be dearly missed by all those people's lives she touched. May she rest in peace.*

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**Dewey Kilbride** - July 10, 2015 at 05:05 PM

BL

*Dear Don and all the family,*

*With heartfelt sympathy the world has lost a precious person although Heaven has welcomed one.....Diane is an angel in Heaven. She had wonderful support through her illness and fought so hard. Pat told me you had called her (very thoughtful) as she & Diane were great friends. God was with you both until the peaceful ending.*

*This morning I lit a candle for Diane .....it will be glowing all day.*

*Love,*

*Betty Jane*

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**Betty Jane Lake** - July 14, 2015 at 01:22 PM

JN

*“ Andy, so sorry to hear about your mom. She was always a sweet lady. I enjoyed seeing her at Dan's office and catching up on the family. You and your family are in my prayers.*

*Love,*

*Jane (Messier) Nakaerts*

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**Jane (Messier) Nakaerts** - July 10, 2015 at 01:51 PM