



## Donald L. Provost

November 29, 1918 - August 29, 2011

Donald Lawrence (Don) Provost, 92, of Grant Park, died Monday, August 29, 2011 at Provena Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home. Don was born November 29, 1918 to parents Nelda (Bouchard) and Lawrence Provost in Kankakee. He married the former Viola Bertrand, December 26, 1942.

He was a second generation farmer primarily farming in the St George area.

Don enjoyed hunting, farming and raising cattle with his sons and grandchildren. He loved to ballroom dance with his wife and to watch his grandchildren show their cattle at the local county fairs and attend their sporting events. He and his wife grew a large garden each year and would can endless amounts of tomatoes and cucumbers. He enjoyed telling stories of all the adventures in his life typically dating them by how the crop fared that particular year. He was an avid Chicago White Sox and Blackhawk fan. He was a good, kind, honest man and was strong in his faith of the Lord. He was satisfied with the simple things in life, a good cold beer with salt, a hearty meal prepared by his wife with his children and grandkids at his side and a crop that would provide for the next year.

Don was a member of the Moose Lodge, Knight of Columbus, AMPI, National Farmers Organization, Farm Bureau, Angus Association, Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited. He volunteered at his church; St Joseph's Catholic Church in Manteno and was involved for years with the Bingo program at Bishop McNamara High School where his children and grandchildren attended. Don is survived by his five sons and their wives: Garry and Carol

Provost of Apache Junction, Arizona, Darwyn and Carol Provost of Kankakee, Wendell and Deb Provost of Grant Park, Warren and Mary Provost of Normal and Karl and Beth Provost of Kankakee. Also surviving is one daughter-in-law Judith Provost, 3 sisters; Lenore Langellier, Delores Ruder (Ray), Lois Kirchman (Gerry), sister-in-law Evelyn Provost and brother-in-law Lloyd Boone. He is also survived by 23 grandchildren and 45 great grandchildren. Don was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Viola, son Wesley, daughter Brenda Allen, son-in-law Denny Allen, 4 grandchildren Jeff, Jody, Casey and Jason Allen, granddaughter-in-law Amy Provost, brothers Virgil and Delmar Provost and sister Dorene Boone. Visitation will be at the Bourbonnais Clancy Gernon Funeral Home Thursday, September 1 from 4 - 8 pm. A funeral mass will be held at Maternity BVM Catholic Church at 11 am Friday, September 2. Memorial donations can be made to Provena Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home, Hospice of Kankakee Valley, Maternity BVM Catholic Grade School and Bishop McNamara Catholic High School.

Memorials may be made to Bishop McNamara Catholic High School, 500 W. Brookmont, Kankakee, IL 60901; [www.bishopmac.com/](http://www.bishopmac.com/)  
Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Grade School, 324 S. Marsile, Bourbonnais, IL 60914; <http://www.mbvm.org/>  
Hospice of Kankakee Valley, 482 Main St. NW, Bourbonnais, IL 60914; [www.hkvcares.org/](http://www.hkvcares.org/)  
or Provena Our Lady of Victory, 20 Briarcliff Lane, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. [www.provena.org/ourlady/](http://www.provena.org/ourlady/)

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 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

SEP 2. 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



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald L. Provost*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - August 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *I was saddened to hear of my Uncle Don's passing. I remember him walking up and down the concrete isle of his milking barn in very large boots. He would pat the back end of a black and white now and then, and laugh when the cow would return his pat with a head shake or a worse, a cowkick. His farm yard was next to Grandma and Grandpa's and I recall one dinner when the milk ran out at the table and Uncle Don brought in some stuff he called milk. It was frothy and warm. Us kids from the city were unable to drink it. I wish I could have been with the whole Provost family to celebrate his life. My heartfelt sympathies are extended all the way from KC. Cathy and Kent Jackson and family*

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**Cathy Jackson** - September 03, 2011 at 06:56 PM

RW

“ *Robert Washington lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Provost*



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**robert washington** - September 02, 2011 at 03:09 PM

MK

“ I'm saddened to have lost my Uncle Don. He was a very kind and loving man. I remember sitting at his table at the church-hall family reunions where seriously focused discussions were had about baseball and the farms. I can still hear his boisterous laugh that could, at times, rival that of Uncle Delmar's!! Now that's saying something!

*From Salem, MA, our love goes out to the entire Provost clan. We are sorry that we are so far away at this time.*

*Matt and Jennifer Kirchman*

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**Matthew Kirchman** - September 02, 2011 at 11:12 AM

JK

“ So sad to hear about Uncle Don. He came to all our basketball games at McNamara (to watch Austin fill it up, not to watch me sit the bench). He was so kind and lovable. I send my deepest sympathies to the whole Provost family from Albany, NY.

*Jeremy Kirchman*

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**Jeremy Kirchman** - September 01, 2011 at 08:14 PM

GH

“ Dear Dar and Carol, and all the Provost boys and families, We are sending our condolences to you all. We will never forget all the evenings way back when, spending time with you at the farmhouse. Your dad always said to your mom, "Ready for bed, Vi?" They always went to bed together! And your dad was always at the basketball games cheering the team on. We will miss him.

*Sincerely, Gary and Dorita Hamende*

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**Gary and Dorita Hamende** - September 01, 2011 at 05:00 PM

AL

“ Don always had a smile and was glad to see you. Vi & Don were always two people that I looked up growing up. We share in your loss.

*Art & Julie Longtin*

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**Art Longtin** - September 01, 2011 at 12:34 PM

WG

“ I have so many fond memories of Uncle Donald. One of the highlights of my youth was spending summer vacations with Uncle Donald, Aunt Vi and their children. He always took time to play ball with us, to go fishing and hunting. He certainly made my vacations very special.

*Claire and I extend our condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.*

*Wayne & Claire Granger*

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**wayne granger** - September 01, 2011 at 10:59 AM

CB

“ My favorite memories of Uncle Donald and Aunt Vi are that I could take any stray cat out to the farm and Aunt Vi would put the cat in what she called "her get acquainted box" and all the other cats would come and see their new friend. Uncle Don would always tell me later how the cat was doing. The best memory is of the two of them dancing at any wedding. It was amazing to watch, they were so graceful and beautiful together.

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**Cathy Betourne** - September 01, 2011 at 08:49 AM

MO

“ I first met Don (Mr Provost way back then) when we were all students at OLA. He was always so friendly and kind to my brothers and I, and always made us feel so important. As we moved on from OLA to BishopMac and into "real life" he continued to be part of our circle of friends and to exhibit that warm friendly spirit whenever and wherever we met him.

He also was a pillar of support for our church and Catholic education, and what a tribute to him that those characteristics of friendliness and dedication to his church and school live on in his wonderful sons and daughters in law.

My deepest sympathy to all. May he rest in peace.

Madelyn Smith O'Brien

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**Madelyn Smith O'Brien** - August 31, 2011 at 04:23 PM

KJ

“ I REMEMBER STAYING AT DON'S PARENTS FARM AS A KID..I REMEMBER BEING THE LAST IN THE WASH TUB THAT SATURDAY NIGHT AND THE LONG COLD WALK TO THE OUT BUILDING (LOL ) BEING A CITY KID THAT EXPERIENCE LASTED A LIFE TIME... ALSO MY EVERLASTING LOVE TO HIS SISTER LENORE OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU FOREVER.

KEN AND SALLY JAFFE, MARION,IL

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**KENNETH L. JAFFE** - August 31, 2011 at 12:57 PM

SK

*Mr. Provost was a good, decent and loving man. His smile lit up his whole face and his laughter brought joy to your heart. He was kind and always interested in what was happening in your life. I'm sorry I can't be at the wake and funeral. My sympathy goes to all of his family who I am sure will miss him very much. Please know my prayers are with you.*

*God's peace, Sr. Lori Kirchman*

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**Sr. Lori Kirchman** - August 31, 2011 at 07:06 PM

TP

*Hey great grandpa miss you everyday! I will make sure Grandpa dar will keep your farm in line and uncle Carl. You where always saying when other people would pass why couldnt God take you! That just shows how good of a man you where! Not a day goes by without thinking of you!*

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**Trey Provost** - April 28, 2021 at 02:13 PM