



Dorothy V. Schnell

February 17, 1929 - February 17, 2016

Dorothy V. Ruder Schnell, age 87, of Bourbonnais, died Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at her home.

She was born February 17, 1929 in Herscher at the family farm, the daughter of Edwin & Alice Fritz Ruder.

Dorothy married Richard G. Schnell May 5, 1950 in Herscher.

She was a former employee of Illinois Bell Telephone Company, The Kankakee County Credit Bureau, and was an associate at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home. Dorothy was a member of Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church, the St. Anne Sodality, Quadrille Club, Ladies of the Moose, Outreach Program at Maternity BVM Church.

She enjoyed dancing, playing cards in two card clubs, and gardening. She enjoyed her family and was most proud of each one.

Surviving are her husband, Richard Schnell of Bourbonnais; one son, Rick & Kristina Schnell of Boulder, CO; three daughters, Lana & Don Middleton of Grand Junction, CO, Alyce & Bruce Heldt of Bourbonnais, and Lori Norden & Mel Pearson of Lexington; five sisters, Elaine Ziemer of Kankakee, Beatrice Hinderer of Bourbonnais, Audrey Kyrouac of Bourbonnais, Joan & Robert Cowgill of Clermont, FL, and Betty & Robert Sicard of Summerfield, FL; two brothers, Gerald Ruder of Wilmington and Jerome Ruder of Herscher; 11 grandchildren, Chad Middleton, Brett Middleton, Brooke Alire, Amy Allen, Emily Toth, Ellyn Barzantny, Sarah Brooks, Gina Cordes, Jeff Stevenson, Anna Schnell, and Katie Schnell; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Lorraine LaVoie, and one brother, Dr. Bernard Ruder and her infant brother, Leonard. Her brothers-in-laws, Lloyd Lavoie, Harold Ziemer, Terry Kerouac, Paul Hinderer; sister-in-law Lucille Ruder.

Visitation will be held 2:00 -5:00 p.m. Sunday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11:00 a.m. Monday at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church. Rev. Richard Pighini will celebrate the mass. Entombment will follow at All Saints Mausoleum in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Les Turner ALS Foundation (<http://www.lesturneralso.org/>) or Hospice of Kankakee Valley (<http://www.hkvcare.org/>)

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

FEB **22**. 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

CS

“ *Carla Golowski Scheppler lit a candle in memory of Dorothy V. Schnell*



carla golowski scheppler - February 28, 2016 at 05:06 PM

LN

“ *It is with heartfelt sympathy and sadness that I say good-bye to a lovely gal. I have deeply treasured my longtime friendship with Rich and Dorothy. She is free of pain and suffering and with our precious Jesus and for this we are grateful . I am so sorry that I can't be there with all of you. I am certainly there in spirit.....love and hugs to all of you!*

Lori Naese

Lori Naese - February 21, 2016 at 01:36 PM

DC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Schnell family. I remember the family from St. Teresa's church and school. May you all find comfort in all your good memories. Sincerely, Donna(Palmer) Casino*

Donna Casino - February 21, 2016 at 01:11 PM

JB

“ With my deepest sympathy to Dorothy's family and husband. Dorothy was a wonderful person. I played cards with her and she enjoyed playing cards very much and and always so cute when she got a good hand.
She will be missed
Jeanne Benjamin

Jeanne Benjamin - February 21, 2016 at 12:52 PM

PK

“ Miss Dorothy will be deeply missed! Praying you find peace and comfort in this hard time
Paula K CNA



Paula Klenzak - February 20, 2016 at 06:36 PM

CB

“ Our deepest sympathy to the whole family. Dorothy was such a lovely woman, and so giving to others. I have wonderful memories of our families getting together through the years. God's peace and comfort to all of you-
Kevin & Christine Breese



Christine Breese - February 20, 2016 at 06:31 PM

MW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Richard and the entire Schnell family. Both of your parents esp. your father who was my boss at Jewel were always so kind to me. So many memories between our families. My sympathies to all.*
Michelle Fager-Worby



Michelle Worby - February 20, 2016 at 12:57 PM

NM

“ *Dorothy was such a beautiful and kind lady. She will be missed. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends.* *Nancy Mateja*



Nancy Mateja - February 19, 2016 at 09:51 PM



“ A special lady, a loving wife of 66 years, a caring mother of four beautiful children, a perfect hostess, a spiritual guide to the family, a helper and friend to all - - - that was my sister - - - “Dorothy Ruder Schnell”

I was nine years of age when my mother passed away. My older sister, Dorothy, became my surrogate mother. She guided me through the early years and the teen years with a compassionate warm hand. She consoled me when I cried, she was my tutor, mentor, my wedding consultant, my compass to adulthood.

Dorothy and her husband, Richard, joined my husband (Bob) and I on numerous vacations, cruises, tours, good times over the years. Later, age related health issues curtailed these treks together.

*MEMORIES WILL LAST!!! YEARS TOO FEW, GONE TOO FAST!!!
Forever, my heart cries for Dorothy and family. I loved my older sister dearly!*

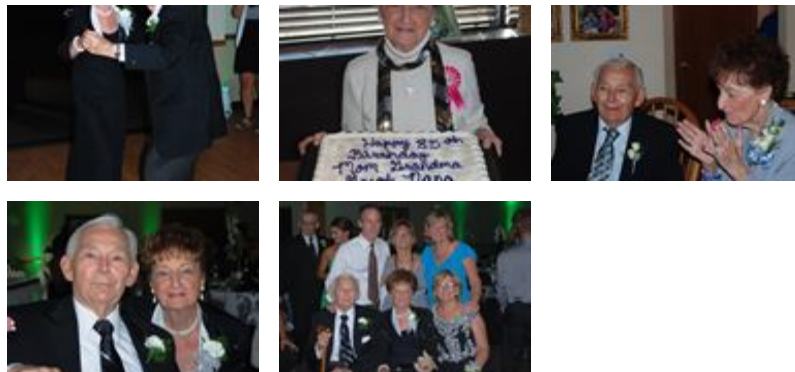
May she be rewarded in heaven for her loving years on earth.

Betty Ruder Sicard

Clancy-Gernon Gernon - February 19, 2016 at 03:07 PM



“ 97 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - February 19, 2016 at 02:16 PM

LL

“ *My deepest sympathy. May this poem bring you comfort.
May you always have...sunshine to greet you wherever you go, A
fun-loving spirit you never outgrow, Joy in the journey, whatever you
do, God's presence to guide you and help see you through.
May God Bless...Lisa Lillis*

Lisa Lillis - February 19, 2016 at 10:23 AM

DK

“ *Dewey Kilbride lit a candle in memory of
Dorothy V. Schnell*



Dewey Kilbride - February 19, 2016 at 05:57 AM

DK

Richard and family. So sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. Such a delightful lady and always fun to be around. May the good lord be with all of you during this most difficult time. Sympathies shared by Monica Ruder also.

Dewey Kilbride - February 19, 2016 at 05:59 AM

EL

May you find comfort knowing that she is at peace!!May the Lord bless you and your family-today and always. Elva (Capelle) Lambert

Elva Lambert - February 20, 2016 at 03:57 PM

MC

Dear Rich and family, We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.....

Mac and Mary Jane Cleeland, Sedona, Arizona

Mary Jane Cleeland - February 20, 2016 at 04:40 PM