



Ellen "Gal" Galeaz

November 24, 1929 - October 31, 2019

Ellen Elizabeth "Gal" Galeaz (nee Halloran), 89, formerly of Campus, left this world Thursday (Oct. 31, 2019) to watch Cubs legends Ernie Banks and Ron Santo continue their Hall of Fame careers.

She was born Nov. 24, 1929 on the family farm in Reddick, Illinois, the daughter of Jean and Gerald Halloran. After navigating the depression and graduating from Reddick High School in 1947, she left the farm, attended Illinois State University, and married her future dance partner, Candido "Andy" Galeaz, on June 19, 1950 at Sacred Heart Church in Campus. Despite Ellen being a diehard Cubs fan and Andy being a lifelong Cardinals fan, they were married for 54 years.

Given the couple's Catholic, Irish, and Italian lineage, it was no surprise that they had 7 children. Surviving are her children, Anton (Anita) Galeaz of Campus, Thomas (Melinda) Galeaz of Bloomington, Candi Kresl of Kankakee, Nancy (Richard) LaReau of Murphysboro, Dino (JoAnn) Galeaz of Campus, Gina (Richard) Thompson of Kankakee, and Kristal (Dean) Fritz of Bourbonnais. After becoming a mother, she adopted her "Gal" moniker and was an attentive grandmother and great-grandmother to her 23 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Proceeding her in death were her parents, her husband Andy, her brother, John "Jack" Halloran, her sister, Carol Olson, and her son-in-law, James Kresl.

In addition to her lifelong love of big band music and ballroom dancing, Gal

was a card enthusiast and could be frequently found playing euchre, pinochle, bridge, and poker. When she wasn't "getting the cards," Gal could be also be seen supporting her family members at various sporting activities.

Gal enjoyed casinos and would gleefully report any wins to her family and greet them with her patented "Gal look" if they inquired about any losses. She was always up for a trip to Disney World and multiple rides on "It's a Small World."

In addition to being the matriarch of the Galeaz family, Gal worked as a customer service specialist at the Kmart in Pontiac, served as a secretary at Reddick High School, and assisted Andy in his upholstery shop in Dwight. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3, at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 4 at St. John Paul II Catholic Parish in Kankakee. A private burial will be held on a later date at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elmwood.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

SG

“ To the entire Galeaz family I share my deepest sympathies after the loss of your "Gal" Ellen. She (and Andy) were cherished friends of my grandparents (Tony and Mary) so by default Ellen was a very special person to me too. What a wonderful and sweet woman she was. She will be missed by many. I hope all of you have a treasured memory that gets you through the sad times when you think about her.

*With heartfelt sadness,
Suzanne Giacometti*

Suzanne Giacometti - November 25, 2019 at 04:25 PM

NS

“ *Galeaz Family:*

So sorry to hear about Ellen, I played euchre and bridge with Ellen, always enjoyed being around her. Your Dad, was my late husband's teacher at Reddick high school.

Prayers and sympathy.

Nat Ferrari Schultz

Nat Ferrari Schultz - November 05, 2019 at 07:34 AM

TW

“ *I really enjoyed knowing your mom. She always knew you. Enjoyed playing bridge with her. Loved it when I could sit by her at a ballgame. She was a joy to know. My deepest sympathy. Thelma Webber*

Thelma Webber - November 04, 2019 at 07:11 AM

CS

“ While I never knew your mom, I had the honor of knowing several of the children, and to you I send my deepest sympathy. Chardell (Lade) Smallwood

Chardell Smallwood - November 03, 2019 at 02:24 AM

PB

“ Sad to see that Ellen has passed on. I first met her when we both worked at K-Mart in Pontiac, a lifetime ago. I later served on jury duty with her in the late 80's and played euchre with her for many years at Braidwood, Dwight, and Coal City. Always a classy lady who was a joy to be around. She was a beautiful lady, inside and out, with the warmest smile. My deepest condolences to the family along with my prayers.

Peggie A. Boldt - November 02, 2019 at 07:28 PM

RB

“ Galeaz Family.... Thinking of you. Hoping warm thoughts from old friends eases your sorrow during these difficult days.

James and Shirley Morgan

Ellen and Jack Boczek

Julie and Lee Spacht

(Goddaughter of Ellen & Andy)

Jean and Thomas Dede

Maureen (Reenie) & Robert Bradley

Reenie Bradley - November 02, 2019 at 06:24 PM

BF

My sympathy to the Galeaz families. Ellen was a jewel & had the patience of a saint! Remembering back to days of hanging out with the Turner kids, having Andy as a teacher & admiring Ellen's ability to multi-task and always having a smile~ in spite of what may come her way!

Bonnie Riccolo Frawley - November 02, 2019 at 10:27 PM

MZ

“ You were and always will be remembered for your beautiful smile and warm heart. You were a mother to me as well as your beautiful children. I will always remember your homemade cinnamon rolls, your positive attitude, and perpetual warm smile. Thank you for leaving the world a better place. It was truly a honor to know you. Thank you for being a positive role model in my life. I will cherish the fond memories of you and Andy forever. Rest in Peace Gal!

Mark Zeller

Mark Zeller - November 02, 2019 at 02:01 PM