



## Harold P. LaGesse

June 12, 1933 - March 25, 2022

Harold P. LaGesse, age 88, of Bourbonnais passed away Friday, March 25, 2022 at his home. He was born June 12, 1933 in Bradley the son of Harvey & Aline (Boudreau) LaGesse. Harold married Beverly Gereau in 1957. She preceded him in death on November 8, 2012.

Harold worked for the Bradley Post Office, retiring in 1988. He then worked for the Bourbonnais Township Park District assisting with the development of the Perry Farm prairie, which was named after him in 2017. Harold enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, bird carving and all outdoor activities. More recently, he enjoyed native wildflowers and plants, and bird watching.

Harold was a parishioner of Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Surviving are three sons, Scott LaGesse of Kankakee, Dale LaGesse of Homer Glen, and Dan & Cindy LaGesse of Dunwoody, GA; two sisters, Lorraine Mallaney of North Charleston, SC and Delores Goodman of Bradley; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, Beverly LaGesse, Harold is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Doreen Cote; one brother, Leonard "Bud" LaGesse; and one daughter-in-law, Joni LaGesse.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church, also on Tuesday. Interment will follow at Maternity B.V.M. Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care Hospice or the American Cancer Society.



# Cemetery Details

## Maternity Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 29.** 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

**MAR 29.** 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

TG

“ I will miss Uncle Harold's sense of humor most of all. When he and his brother and sisters got together at their parents apartment (when I was just a kid in the sixties) there was so much laughter all around. We had so many great times with the entire extended family living so close to each other. Whether it was a picnic, a birthday gathering or a Christmas party at the Lamplighter lounge, it was always fun. I cherish those times.

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**Tom Goodman** - April 21, 2022 at 12:10 PM

KA

“ I met Mr LaGessee a few years ago on the Perry Farm trails. Whenever I ran into him riding his bike he would share his knowledge of the wildflowers and prairie. I'll miss seeing him but what a Beautiful Legacy he has left for our Community and future generations.

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**Kim Anderson** - March 30, 2022 at 07:22 PM

JP

“ Dear Harold's family,  
I so enjoyed working with Harold on the Perry Farm Living History Advisory Committee. He was such a gem for this whole community. May the peace that he always projected bring the same peace to comfort you now. He will always be with you and all those he touched in our community.  
Jim Paul

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**JAMES PAUL** - March 29, 2022 at 10:45 AM

LN

“ Our wonderful uncle will be sadly missed by all of us! His sense of humor added fun to every event. He was a delight to be around. The Perry Farm will never be the same! He would always turn up somewhere! Pretty sure he was loved by most everyone who knew him! Yes... Heaven got another great guy!! Lots of Love, Lori

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**Lori Naese** - March 29, 2022 at 08:13 AM

BF

Harold and Beverly were really great neighbors. After Beverly passed I had a serious car accident, i was in and out of hosp and nursing home for 9 months. My son came by periodically to check on the house for me and the yard was always taken care of. We found out it was Harold taking care of it. He would never accept anything for all his help except for brownies and choc chip cookies. His kind heart and humor will be missed, he was much loved by everyone.

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**Barbara Fontaine** - March 29, 2022 at 06:12 PM

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“ Perry Farm will not be the same... I always had a smile on my face when I could see him heading our way on his bike with a big smile on his face. What a legacy he has left. He will be missed.  
~Sarah Winkel

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**Sarah Winkel** - March 28, 2022 at 03:43 PM

BR

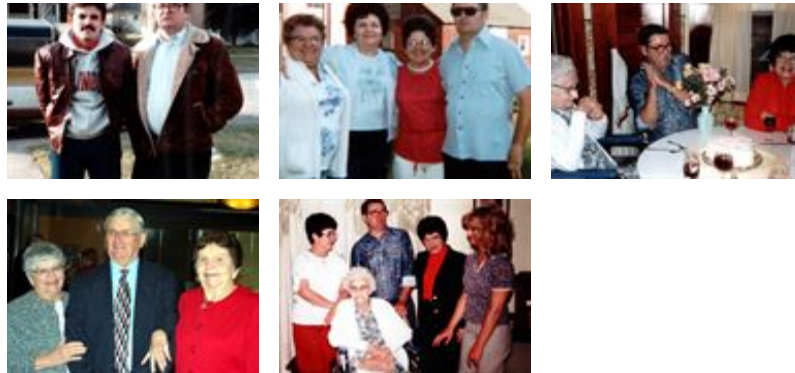
“ We are so sorry. Uncle Harold was a wonderful person. Bethany, Bob, and kiddos

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**Bethany Rusbasan** - March 28, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ 96 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - March 28, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Boys, or actually, young men. I am so sorry that you have now lost your dad. The lifetime of good memories will help, as you know. Our years on Ray Street were blessed with good neighbors. You were blessed with great parents, and they equally blessed with pretty good sons. Hugs to all. Barb LeClair Lee.*

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**Barbara Lee** - March 28, 2022 at 07:09 AM

SU

“ *Scott I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family.*

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**Suejarvis42@yahoo.com** - March 27, 2022 at 09:58 PM

JB

“ *So sorry Scott, remember your Dad from postal functions and delivering mail to your house for several years back in the 80's.*

*Jerry the Mailman*

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**jerry bjick** - March 27, 2022 at 10:53 AM

KN

“ *Uncle Harold Rest In Peace with your wonderful wife Aunt Beverly, your together again in happiness! And all our moved on relatives. I'm sorry I'll be unable to attend the funeral but my prayers with you as soon as I heard and will be until my end! Love Kendra Ninke*

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**Kendra not-my-email** - March 26, 2022 at 12:33 PM

RM

“ *Harold was a most lovable rascal with a twinkle in his eye and laughter always just a breath away. He enriched many lives with his humor and kind acts. He will be remembered and missed by many. Rest in peace kind sir.*

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**Rose Devine Mitchell** - March 26, 2022 at 09:37 AM

MW

*R.I.P. Harold I am friends with Scott and nephew Tom*

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**Michael Willuams** - March 26, 2022 at 10:53 AM

NW

“ *You have my deepest sympathy. I worked at the park district and I just loved when Harold would come around. We had many nice talks and laughs. Rest In Peace Harold  
Nancy Ponikvar Waller*

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**nancy Ponikvar waller** - March 26, 2022 at 09:29 AM

KB

“ *Rest In Peace Harold. You will be missed. Thoughts are with the family. Karen DuVoisin Blair*

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**Karen Blair** - March 25, 2022 at 06:00 PM

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“ *Nancy Lakin (niece-in-law) lit a candle in memory of Harold P. LaGesse*



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**Nancy Lakin (niece-in-law)** - March 25, 2022 at 05:43 PM

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“ *I loved your dad! Mark too. He always made me laugh. If I was in a bad mood I'd call him!*

*Such accomplishments in leaving a legacy like the Perry Farm.*

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**Nancy Lakin (niece-in-law)** - March 25, 2022 at 05:41 PM

TM

“ *A great guy who will be missed! Rest in peace uncle Harold.*

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**Tom Mallaney** - March 25, 2022 at 03:31 PM