



## Henrietta Marie Chamness

November 24, 1927 - August 21, 2014

Henrietta M. "Mrs. C." Chamness, 86, of Bourbonnais, passed away Thursday (Aug. 21, 2014) at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais with burial in Maternity BVM Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Presence Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home, Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Maternity BVM Catholic School, or the Bourbonnais Fire Protection District.

She was born Nov. 24, 1927, in Kankakee, the daughter of Ralph Sr. and Rosella Mercier Marcotte. She married Francis "Foo" Chamness on Oct. 9, 1948, at Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. He passed away July 6, 2011.

Henrietta was a retired administrator of Presence Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home and while there, she started the home's golf outing, and the nursing home also had a five-star rating when she retired. She had been the administrator of several other local nursing homes as well as a nurse at Presence St. Mary's Hospital.

Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Linda Chamness, of

Bourbonnais, Randy and Ruth Chamness, of Clifton, and Jerry and Gloria Chamness, of Kuwait City, Kuwait; daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra Hernandez, of Tomah, Wis., Roseann and Nick Eldred, of Bourbonnais, Eymarde "Amy" and Patrick Lawler, of Peoria, and Margaret and Bob Wehrle, of Kankakee; sisters and brothers-in-law, Rose Longtin, of Bourbonnais and Pat Perrault, of Kankakee; brothers and sisters-in-law, Roland and Eleanor Marcotte, of Duggar, Ind.; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Mary Marcotte, of Bourbonnais, Esther Marcotte, of Bonfield, Gerald and Freida Chamness, of Bourbonnais, Althea Chamness, of Iowa City, Iowa; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four brothers, Kenneth Marcotte, Eucharist "Mush" Marcotte, Ralph "Red" Marcotte and Jerry Marcotte (infant); one sister, Phoebe Ealy; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ambrose Perrault, Yvonne Marcotte, Maxine and Harold Cassidy, Jim Ealy, June Chamness and Harold Longtin.

Memorials may be made to Presence Our Lady of Victory ([www.provena.org/ourlady](http://www.provena.org/ourlady)), Maternity BVM Church ([www.mbvmchurch.org](http://www.mbvmchurch.org)), Maternity BVM School ([www.mbvm.org](http://www.mbvm.org)), or Bourbonnais Fire Protection District ([www.bourbonnaisfire.org](http://www.bourbonnaisfire.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Maternity Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 24.** 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

**AUG 25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church  
308 E. Marsile  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-8285  
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Henrietta Marie Chamness



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - August 25, 2014 at 08:47 AM

VS

“ I was fortunate to have worked with Mrs. Chamness when she was a DON and an Administrator at several nursing homes. She was a delight, a very nice person and always fair to everyone. She loved her clients and treated them as family. I think she was one of the best Administrators I have ever seen. It was my pleasure working with her all those years. My condolences to the family and you are in my thoughts and prayers. Virginia Shrove

Virginia Shrove - August 25, 2014 at 03:32 PM

JG

“ Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Henrietta Marie Chamness



Joseph Giacchino - August 25, 2014 at 03:30 PM

DK

“ I will miss her gentle smile and the love she radiated to all I saw her encounter. We are keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. May God's peace be with all of you. Dianne & Jim Kronika

Dianne Kronika - August 25, 2014 at 12:46 PM

PL

“ Extending my deepest condolences to the children and family of Mrs. Chamness. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the Lord give you his strength, comfort and consolation during this most difficult time. Respectfully yours - Peggy Lawler

Peggy Lawler - August 25, 2014 at 09:23 AM

EL

Thank you Peggy I am so overwhelmed with grief. I loved her so much and there will be a huge void in my life forevermore

Eymarde Lawler - August 26, 2014 at 09:13 PM

BP

“ Sending my deepest sympathy

Beverly Perkins

Beverly Perkins - August 25, 2014 at 06:50 AM

DH

“ Sending love from Florida, and thinking of you all today. The Hollisters



dawn hollister - August 25, 2014 at 06:44 AM

VG

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family on the loss of Henrietta. We knew her to be a wonderful example of strong faith, hard work, and Christian womanhood. She will be missed. Dan and Val Guenette , Parishioners of Maternity BVM

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**Val Guenette** - August 24, 2014 at 07:34 PM

LB

“ Will miss Mrs. C sitting in the front row at church.....She touched the lives of so many and will be greatly missed. God Bless!

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**Linda Beckham** - August 24, 2014 at 04:03 PM

TF

“ A woman of tremendous faith, love, and self sacrifice who touched all whom she met with compassion, a generous heart, and an unwavering sense of compassion. Our prayers are with all who knew and loved her in life. For now that she has overcome death, we rejoice in her legacy, and look forward to the day when we will meet again.

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**Tom and Roxanne Clark and family** - August 24, 2014 at 02:08 PM

MH

“ Dear Family of Henrietta Chamness, Our prayers and sympathy are with you. I have many beautiful memories since we both started our Ministry at Our Lady of Victory together. I am sure she is praying for all of us now in Heaven. Blessings, Sr. Martha Harrington, sscm

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**Martha Harrington, sscm** - August 24, 2014 at 12:08 PM

MK

“ *Henrietta and her family have left a deep footprint into the history and life of this community. She was a giving and caring person and will be missed but remembered a long, long time.*

mary ann kirsch - August 24, 2014 at 10:18 AM

LT

“ *Will always be remembering Aunt Henrietta. What a wonderful loving person she was. I will miss her greatly.*

Lorrie Thornton - August 23, 2014 at 10:09 PM

EL

“ *My mom was so blessed by the Lord daily. He gave her the gift of living 5 days while she waited for her youngest son to come home from Kuwait. Her last gift to us children was her determination to live until Jerry got here. 6 minutes after his arrival she entered heaven. What a miracle and blessing.*

Eymarde Lawler - August 23, 2014 at 08:54 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Wood lit a candle in memory of Henrietta Marie Chamness*



Debbie Wood - August 23, 2014 at 02:25 PM

MW

“ Her CNA's feared her, they would know what kind of day they were going to have by what shoes she had on that day, if it was tennis shoes she had on, it was going to be a bad day for them, if it was dress shoes she had on, they were safe, she would be in meetings that day, if the CNA's were not wiping the residents face properly, she was right there to show them the proper way, she truly was my Super Hero!!!

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**Margaret Wejrle** - August 23, 2014 at 11:30 AM

CS

“ What an important part of the Maternity BVM community she was! Remembering both Henrietta and Foo fondly today. Keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers.  
Wayne and Cheryl Segneri

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**Cheryl Segneri** - August 23, 2014 at 09:41 AM

MR

“ My condolences to the family....I will miss her terribly but know she is now an angel in Heaven....Have many ,many good memories from the 32 years of knowing and working with her...May she RIP with her beloved Foo and all the others who went before her. I know we will have another "special" angel looking down over us....Love and Miss you Mrs C.....

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**Monica Rocha** - August 23, 2014 at 06:39 AM

PN

“ Pat Nye lit a candle in memory of Henrietta Marie Chamness



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**Pat Nye** - August 22, 2014 at 11:01 PM

JF

“ JOSEPH MARCOTTE FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Henrietta Marie Chamness



JOSEPH MARCOTTE FAMILY - August 22, 2014 at 10:03 PM

KM

“ My sympathy to the Chamness Family. So many fond memories of your Mom (and Dad) snowmobiling with Bob and Theresa. Always enjoyed going the Illinois to the "big house" with all the kids.  
Kay (Powell) Meyer

Kay Meyer - August 22, 2014 at 04:26 PM



“ Donna Marcotte lit a candle in memory of Henrietta Marie Chamness



Donna Marcotte - August 22, 2014 at 03:15 PM



“ Denise Marcotte lit a candle in memory of Henrietta Marie Chamness



Denise Marcotte - August 22, 2014 at 03:13 PM