



Joan Scanlon

November 19, 1929 - March 1, 2016

Joan Scanlon, age 86 of Herscher, died Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Nov. 19, 1929 in Kankakee, IL to Thomas P. and Marie L. Onken Cleary. She married James L. Scanlon on April 19, 1952 at St. Patrick Church in Kankakee who precedes her in death on March 4, 2010.

Joan is survived by one daughter, Marcia Scanlon of Herscher; her five sons and daughters-in-law; James J. and Linda Scanlon of Limestone; John and Nancy Scanlon of Herscher; Michael and Sheryl Scanlon of Limestone; Steve and Deb Scanlon of Herscher; Tom and Dawn Scanlon of Limestone: 17 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. Also surviving is her brother and sister-in-law Thomas and Judy Cleary of Bonita Springs, FL and sister-in-law Doreen Frerichs, of Herscher. She is preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one son, Dan Scanlon; three sisters, Veronica O'Connor, Bernice Moody, Rita Legris; sister-in-law, Naomi Koors and special friend, Ed Maley. Visitation will be from 3 – 8 PM on Friday, March 4 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. There will be also visitation at St. James Church in Irwin on Saturday from 9 AM until the time of the funeral mass at 10 AM, where Rev. Douglas Hauber will preside. Burial will be at St. James Cemetery in Irwin. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made for family wishes.

Joan was a registered nurse. She was a surgical nurse with Dr. Nehf. She also had worked at Presence St. Mary's Hospital and was a private duty nurse. She was a graduate of St. Patrick High School and St. Mary's School of

Nursing.

Joan served at Herscher School District 2 with the Board of Education. She received a standing ovation for all her accomplishments on the board.

She was a CCW woman of the year in 1975 at St. James Church, serving as president for two years and recently was recognized as Mother of the Year.

She taught CCD; was president of PTA at Herscher Grade School.

She adored and loved her husband and family and friends. She enjoyed big band music and dancing. She loved raising her children and enjoyed her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was always a big part of their lives and considered the very heart of the home.

She loved a good time, laughter, and life itself. She loved her home and family intensely. She had many close friends and family whom she enjoyed and loved. She loved her Catholic faith and always radiated her strong faith and values. She was a woman of intense love, generosity, compassion, joy, and her energetic spirit was always there to help anyone in need. Everyone loved to be around her and always felt welcomed. She loved deeply . . .

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

W. 5000 S. Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-4172

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

MAR 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
Irwin Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-5443

Funeral Mass

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
Irwin Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-5443

Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Sending prayers to the entire Scanlon family.* ”



Andrea Siedentop-Janssens - March 14, 2016 at 05:08 PM

AS

“ *Deepest sympathies to the entire Scanlon family.* ”



Allen and Barb Siedentop - March 14, 2016 at 05:04 PM

JG

“ *I met Joan through my Aunt, Mary Memenga. I believe Joan's mother lived at the same high rise as my aunt. One day Joan came into the office where I work and somehow we started talking about our names (both Joan). She told me her name was actually pronounced "JoAnn" but spelled "Joan". We laughed when I told her that was exactly how my name is pronounced and spelled! I said I didn't why my mother did that to me as I have spent my entire life explaining that to people, and she laughed and said "And my mother was a school teacher to boot!" She was a lovely lady. My condolences to the family.* ”

Joan Giroux

Joan Giroux - March 09, 2016 at 11:23 AM

MF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Scanlon family. We are thinking about your wonderful mother and the fun times we had.

Mark and Sandi Fritz



Mark Fritz - March 07, 2016 at 03:51 PM

CB

“ Deepest sympathies to Marsha, Jim, John, Mike, Steve, Tom and grandchildren. Your mom was a wonderful woman.

Jan, Cherie and George Bond



C Bond - March 07, 2016 at 12:04 PM

SB

“ Dear Tom, Dawn & Scanlon family,

I was so sorry I couldn't attend the services today with John & the boys, but want you to know your mom has been in my thoughts & prayers since I heard of her passing. She will always be the center of your family; all of the memories, laughter, & faith she shared will always be remembered.

Sheila Boyle

Sheila Boyle - March 05, 2016 at 01:23 PM

DG

“ We send our prayers and condolences. We enjoyed your friendship. We will miss our friendly, caring, and loving neighbor. Love from Trudy Howell and the Howell Family.



Debbie Guerra - March 05, 2016 at 12:26 PM

PM

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on your loss. A beautiful woman, she will be missed. May you remember her well and remember her often.

*Pat and Patti McKenna
Helen McKenna*

Patti McKenna - March 05, 2016 at 08:45 AM

MN

“ May Jesus wrap his arms around you and comfort you. sorry for your loss.

Michael Niesen - March 04, 2016 at 11:07 PM

BA

“ So sorry for your loss!



Bonnie Arnett - March 04, 2016 at 08:08 PM

SB

“ *Sheryl Barbosa lit a candle in memory of Joan Scanlon*



Sheryl Barbosa - March 04, 2016 at 06:12 PM

SB

In deepest sympathy: May the love of God give you peace, May the love of friends give you comfort, May the love of your dear one remain in your heart and give you strength through the days ahead. Sorry for your loss (HHS 76 - Bunge)

Sheryl Barbosa - March 04, 2016 at 06:16 PM

RR

“ *Scanlon Family: Sorry for your loss.*
Ron Ramsey



Ron Ramsey - March 04, 2016 at 02:55 PM

CO

“ *Cindy O'Connor lit a candle in memory of Joan Scanlon*



Cindy O'Connor - March 04, 2016 at 01:55 PM

CO

What a wonderful and loving legacy Joan left - in the lives and laughter of her family. She was in every sense a 'true lady'.

An Irish blessing -

Remembered Joy

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!

I follow the plan God laid for me.

I saw His face, I heard His call,

I took His hand and left it all...

I could not stay another day,

To love, to laugh, to work or play;

Tasks left undone must stay that way.

And if my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss...

Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.

My life's been full, I've savoured much:

Good times, good friends, a loved-one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief—

Don't shorten yours with undue grief.

Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,

Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow.

Cindy O'Connor - March 04, 2016 at 01:59 PM

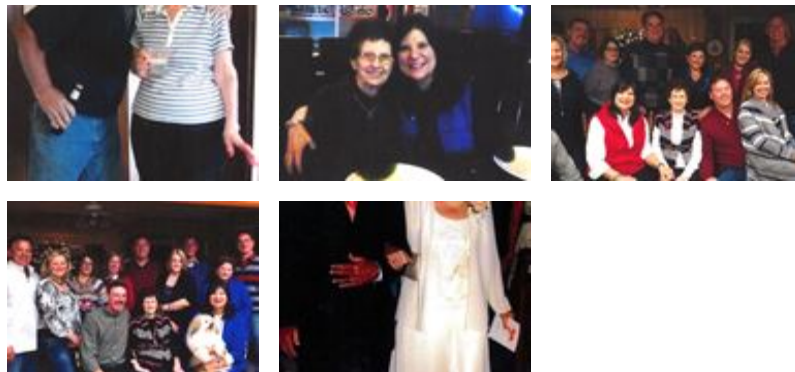
JF

“ *Your family has our sympathy at this difficult time.* ”

joe and carol fritz - March 04, 2016 at 01:20 PM



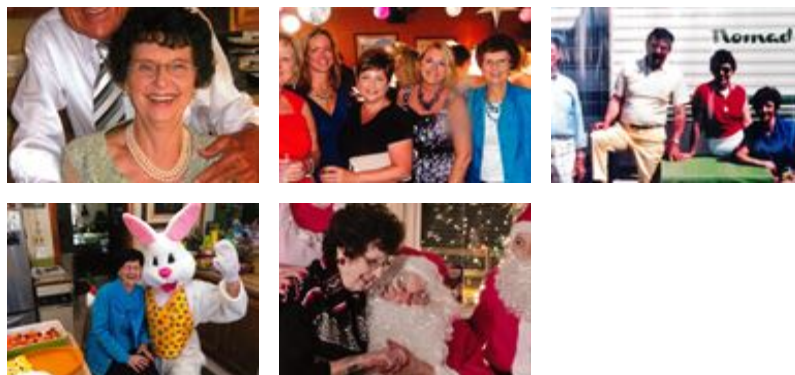
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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 04, 2016 at 09:41 AM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 04, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ *Scanlon Family:*

Sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless. Natalene Ferrari

Natalene Ferrari - March 04, 2016 at 08:06 AM

JH

“ *Judy Harling lit a candle in memory of Joan Scanlon*



Judy Harling - March 04, 2016 at 07:09 AM

JH

Joan was a beautiful mother, grandmother, great grandmother, cousin. She was such a positive, loving, caring person. Never was negative. Always was a positive person. I loved her like a mom. It was a honor to take care of her until her death. Heaven will get another Angel. "God Bless You" Joan. Love you.

Judy Harling - March 04, 2016 at 07:19 AM

CH

My condolences to the entire Scanlon family. I know she will be greatly missed.

Clara Hennessy - March 04, 2016 at 08:36 AM

JR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you on your loss.*

*Love,
John and Jan Rodgers*

John and Jan Rodgers - March 03, 2016 at 09:03 PM

MW

“ Many years ago, 42 to be exact, my husband and I lived across the road from your parents on the Siedentop farm. We were new parents to a set of twin boys. After our boys had their first set of immunizations they both developed temps and swelling at the injection sites. I called your mother knowing she would know what to do, not because she was a nurse but because she was a mother. She came right over, talked us through our anxieties and told us how to deal with the issues. I've always remembered that night and her kindness Moms are pretty special people.

Dennis and Marianne (Bartschenfeld) Wilson

Marianne Wilson - March 03, 2016 at 05:52 PM

LN

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of the Scanlons. Just being the mom of this group alone is quite an accomplishment!! You are all in our thoughts and prayers !

Jerry and Lori Naese

Lori Naese - March 03, 2016 at 04:18 PM

KK

“ What a wonderful woman Joan was! Always welcoming, kind a generous; this spirit preceded her, and she was a joy to be around! Our deepest condolences to all of the Scanlon family; many prayers for comfort for all of you!

*Sincerely,
Tony and Kelli Kauzlarich*

Kelli Kauzlarich - March 03, 2016 at 03:43 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear, that a very wonderful person has left us; I had the opportunity to meet this wonderful person, She was so great in many ways. Heaven got a wonderful person, my thoughts and prayers to the family; Loved her so much



donna Monte schweizer - March 03, 2016 at 03:14 PM

RR

“ My deepest sympathy Mike and Tom. I am most certain your mother was beautiful, caring and a "good drill sergeant" with you two when needed!

Rita Robinson - March 03, 2016 at 03:04 PM

RJ

“ Ron And Tammy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joan Scanlon



Ron and Tammy Johnson - March 03, 2016 at 02:59 PM

LL

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers for all the family during this difficult time ~ Chris and Lynn Lichtenberger



Lynn Lichtenberger - March 03, 2016 at 12:12 PM

RM

“ Oh my will this woman be missed by those she loved!! She fostered love not only with her children but the friends of her children. We were fortunate to have spent time with Mrs. Scanlon and saw firsthand what a strong, loving mother she was for her children and such a loving and proud grandmother, aunt and friend to so many others. We know she's already watching over everyone she loved from above.

Wishing peace for the hearts that will miss her so and prayers and sympathy to all of the Scanlons for the loss of such a classy lady. We were lucky to know her.

Rose & Gary Mitchell - March 03, 2016 at 08:33 AM



“ Corinn Micheletti-Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Joan Scanlon



Corinn Micheletti-Wheeler - March 03, 2016 at 06:51 AM

DK

“ Dewey Kilbride lit a candle in memory of Joan Scanlon



Dewey Kilbride - March 02, 2016 at 09:13 PM

DK

My deepest sympathies at the loss of such a beautiful lady. Always enjoyed running into her and Jim at various functions. she will be dearly missed by all who new her.

Dewey Kilbride - March 02, 2016 at 09:14 PM



I am so sorry for all of your loss. Praying!!!!

Corinn Micheletti-Wheeler - March 03, 2016 at 06:52 AM

BK

“ What a great lady! Always a positive attitude and nothing but good to say. She was such a good friend to my mother.

BK - March 02, 2016 at 04:33 PM

LO

Always had a smile and yes, Joan, Mom and the rest of the Forget-Me-Knots are starting a new club in their afterlife. So family and friend oriented. Lovely lady

Lori - March 03, 2016 at 08:17 AM

MA

“ 1 file added to the album Joan Scanlon



Marcia - March 02, 2016 at 03:54 PM

TM

“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Joan Scanlon*



Tom Mallaney - March 02, 2016 at 02:33 PM

CS

May you rest in peace Aunt Joan, you will be missed by all. All my love to all the family, keep the faith as you know she would want you to.

Colleen Schultz - March 03, 2016 at 08:19 AM

LO

I was so fortunate to have gotten to know Joan when she came to St. Patrick's High School, and then graduated together. As the years went by, we seemed to always be on the committees to plan the class reunions and had so much fun doing it. She was such a lovely gal always with a smile and a twinkle in her eyes.. My condolences to the family. Rest in peace my friend. Leta McCormick Orlando

Leta McCormick Orlando - March 03, 2016 at 12:04 PM

LM

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I loved hearing all of the great memories my mom and dad (Arnold & Verneal) had with Jim and Joan. They had fun together. May Joan rest in peace. God Bless to the Scanlon Family.

Lori Fritz McDowell

Lori Fritz McDowell - March 03, 2016 at 09:23 PM

JE

My parents (Arnold and verneal) met Joan when I was 2 years old. There are so many wonderful memories. One of my favorites is that we were able to visit her last Thanksgiving. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Peace be with you.

Joni Fritz Eisenmann

Joni Eisenmann - March 04, 2016 at 08:20 AM