



## Madonna LaGesse

November 9, 1922 - February 22, 2015

Madonna M. LaGesse, 92, of Manteno, passed away Sunday (Feb. 22, 2015) at Christ Advocate Hospital in Oak Lawn.

She was born Nov. 9, 1922, in Bradley, to Roy J. and Ruth Herrick Arseneau. She married A. James LaGesse on June 15, 1946, at Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. He preceded her in death.

Madonna graduated from Notre Dame Academy in Bourbonnais and Gallagher School of Business in Kankakee. She was employed as a secretary by Romy Hammes, then at the Kankakee Ordinance Plant in Joliet, in the Illinois State's Attorney's Office under Joseph Tolson Sr., at the American-Marietta Paint Factory and for 33 years as an executive secretary for seven of the Kankakee Superintendents of Schools at Kankakee School District 111.

She was a member of the Order of the Rose; preceptor laureate degree; the 50th Golden Circle Ritual; the Laureate Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi for 50 years; past member of the Women of the Moose 143; the After Five Club; Business and Professional Women's Club; and Kankakee County Educational Office Personnel Association.

After retiring, she and Jim were snowbirds, spending half of each year at their home in Tucson, Ariz. After her husband's death, Madonna continued

spending winters in Tucson, where she

enjoyed playing golf and bridge with the many friends she treasured there. In 2014, she left Tucson behind, but continued her many activities including flying to visit her great-grandbabies in Virginia.

Surviving are her daughter, Donna Jerantowski (Denny Goin), of Limestone; son, Lawrence (Jayne) LaGessee, of Bourbonnais; granddaughters, Julie (Jay) Graziano, Michelle (Brent) Quinn and Jill (Jim) DeMarco; and great-granddaughters, Riley and Camryn Quinn.

In addition to her husband, preceding her in death were her parents.

Madonna was a gracious, beautiful lady, who dearly cherished her family and friends. She will be missed so very much.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Maternity BVM Church. Burial will follow in Maternity BVM Cemetery, Bourbonnais.

# Cemetery Details

## Maternity Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

FEB **27**. 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 Madonna LaGesse*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - February 27, 2015 at 02:26 PM

JS

“ *My sympathy and prayers goes out to Madonna's family. I met Madonna at Denny's where the Sunday night Hospice group met. She was a beautiful lady and always had a smile on her face. She will be missed.*

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**Joan Siefert** - February 27, 2015 at 05:12 PM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to her Family & Friends*

*The Hargate's*

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**Teresa Baron-Hargate** - February 26, 2015 at 08:45 PM

PA

“ *Vaya con dios Madonna. Our deepest sympathy to her family.*

*Sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Arseneau*

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**Pete Arseneau** - February 26, 2015 at 04:18 PM

ME

“ We met Madonna on her 92nd birthday while she was visiting Donna & Denny in Florida. She was quite a little whippersnapper, a fun gal and seemed to enjoy life to the fullest. It was an absolute pleasure to meet her (as we heard so many good things about her) and share her 92nd celebration at the Gulf View Grille. She had her 1/2 glass of wine, dinner and then we celebrated by sharing a piece of Key Lime Pie. Surely she brought joy to her friends and family and will be sadly missed by all that knew her.

*Love and Peace*

*Melissa Cherry & Bob Rice*

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**melissa** - February 25, 2015 at 02:46 PM

SK

“ *Madonna will be greatly missed by the staff of Oak Ridge. Our community was blessed to have her here. I will miss her occasional phone calls up to office. My life has been blessed by knowing her. We will continue to keep all of Madonna's family and friends in our hearts and prayers.*

*Stacy Konway and the entire staff of Oak Ridge and Sun Communities.*

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**Stacy Konway** - February 25, 2015 at 02:14 PM



“ 75 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - February 25, 2015 at 01:21 PM

SA

“ *Madonna was a beautiful lady, kind, gracious and sweet. I feel honored to have called her "friend" and will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers to her family in this time of loss. May happy memories fill the emptiness in your hearts. Nick and Shirley*

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**Shirley/Nick Africano** - February 25, 2015 at 10:17 AM