



Malachy "Mal" O'Gorman

September 18, 1924 - January 31, 2014

Malachy ("Mal") O'Gorman, age 89, of Kankakee, IL passed away on Friday, January 31. Born on September 18, 1924 in Chicago to Patrick and Anna O'Gorman. Mal is survived by his wife of 63 years, Alice Cunningham O'Gorman; sons Patrick (Debra) of Rockford, IL; John (Jennifer) of Overland Park, KS; Martin (Karen) of Charlotte, NC; and Michael (Ann) of Bourbonnais; daughters Kathryn O'Gorman (Michael Sigrin) of St Paul, MN; Mary Alice Schmidt (Tomas) of San Diego, CA; JoAnn Schott (Clayton) of Detroit Lakes, MN; 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Mariellen Sabato and Margaret Ahmann; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Mal is preceded in death by his parents; daughter Anne Smagorinsky; son James and daughter-in-law Sharon; sister-in-law Monica O'Brien; and brothers-in-law Anthony Sabato, William O'Brien, and Mathew Ahmann.

Mal graduated from St. Rita High School (Chicago) in 1942 and served in the US Navy in the Pacific during WW II. He returned to school after the war and graduated from St. Mary's College (Winona, MN) in 1948. He married the former Alice Cunningham on September 23, 1950 in Wilmette, IL. Mal worked as a chemist in the paint and coatings industry and retired as Technical Director for Valspar (formerly American Marietta and Mobil Chemical). Mal served on the Kankakee County Mental Health Board, was active with Meals on Wheels, and held numerous volunteer positions at his parish, St. Martin of Tours in Kankakee. Arrangements through Clancy-Gernon Funeral

Home, 1480 W. Court St., Kankakee, IL (815) 932-1214. Visitation at the funeral home Sunday, February 2, 4-8 pm. Funeral Mass to be held 10 am, Monday, February 3 at St. Martin of Tours Church, Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Juvenile Diabetes Association - jdrf.org/, The Sharon Torbenson O'Gorman Fund in Nutrition at the University of Minnesota, The Glenmary Home Missioners - www.glenmary.org, or The American Cancer Society - www.cancer.org/.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

FEB 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church
953 S. 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-7177

Tribute Wall

RA

“ Alice & family:

So sorry to hear about, Mal. We played bridge with you at Houde's house and filled in at your house. We were the people that brought the tomatoes and peppers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, you have our sympathy. God be with you. Ralph & Nat Ferrari

Ralph/NatFerrari - February 14, 2014 at 01:41 PM

YR

“ John O'Gorman and family, Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Your are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

*Many Blessings,
Your CapWest Mortgage Family*

Yashicka Rose - February 10, 2014 at 11:16 AM

JV

“ From the mid 50's until 1963, I had the privilege of working with "Mal" as secretary in the Resin Plant at American-Marietta. While I did not know him well, personally, I do recall how dedicated he was to his work, his family and his church. Good memories last a lifetime and I send my condolences to you, Alice, and your family and trust that your happy memories will sustain you now and in the future, Jeannine G. Verhoeks, Sun City West, AZ

Jeannine G. Verhoeks - February 06, 2014 at 05:56 PM

PZ

“ To the O’Gorman family...

I remember Mr. O’Gorman as a very nice man who could be found tending to his yard or caring for the trees that he helped plant along the perimeter of St. Martins school. My thoughts and condolences to Mrs. O’Gorman and to all the O’Gorman children whom I grew up with in the neighborhood.



*Paul Ziemer
WA state*

Paul Ziemer - February 05, 2014 at 04:10 PM

DF

“ Dear Mrs. O’Gorman and the entire family,
Please accept my condolences. The last time I met Mr. O’Gorman was in St. Paul when Jim was at the university hospital. When Jim and I were teenagers, he always made sure we stayed out of harm’s way. From him, I learned a lot of common sense.

*Sincerely,
Dave Finch*

David Finch - February 03, 2014 at 03:10 PM

JV

“ To the O’Gorman Family,

Please accept my condolences on the passing of Mal. My association with Mal goes back to our days at St. Mary's where we were classmates. I remember him even then as a kind and a true gentleman.

Joe Varco

Joe Varco - February 02, 2014 at 04:41 PM

MG

Dear Mrs. O’Gorman and the entire family.

So sorry to hear of Mal. We have always appreciated the true friends you were our parents and the multiple favors and visits you have done and made for my parents.

Marty Giardina

Marty Giardina - February 03, 2014 at 01:27 PM

JB

“ Dear Mrs. O’Gorman, Kathy and family,

I am so sorry to know that you have lost a wonderful man from your lives. I only met Mr. O’Gorman a couple of times just recently, but he struck me as a person who had strong faith, loved and protected his family, and could really enjoy life!

Please accept my condolences and I wish I could make it down to Kankakee for the funeral.

I will keep you all in my prayers and thoughts at this sad time. I know you will have wonderful memories to keep and share.

Judy Bourland and Rich Smith

Judith Bourland - February 02, 2014 at 01:51 PM

BB

“ We send our sympathy to all your family.
Wayne & Brenda Boudreau

Brenda Boudreau - February 01, 2014 at 07:31 PM

WV

“ To the whole O’Gorman clan we send our deepest sympathies with the passing of Mal. He was a true patriarch. A kind and strong man who lived well and loved largely. May time bring comfort and memories bring strength to you in this difficult time.
Sincerely,
The VerMeulens

William VerMeulen - February 01, 2014 at 10:15 AM

PT

“ To Mrs. O’Gorman, Kathy, Mary, Pat, John, Martin and Michael - I offer you all my sincere sympathies on Mal’s passing. I think back on my years growing up in the neighborhood with a smile, remembering the days at St. Martin’s when Mal seemed to be at every Mass I served as an altar boy. The out-of town plans I have this weekend will prevent me from extending my condolences in person. Please know that I will have the O’Gorman family in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Paul Tutt

Paul Tutt - January 31, 2014 at 09:46 PM