



Mary E. Dahms

October 2, 1924 - March 18, 2012

Visitation for Mary E. Dahms, 87, of Bourbonnais, will be from 11 a.m. Thursday until the 1 p.m. funeral services at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Burial will be in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. She died Sunday (March 18, 2012) at her home.

Mrs. Dahms was a retired medical receptionist. She was born Oct. 2, 1924, in Naperville, the daughter of Frank and Amelia Karl Bebar. Her first husband, Jacob Hodel, to whom she was married for 25 years, died in 1961. She later married Darold J. Dahms on July 16, 1971, in Kankakee. He died Feb. 13, 2011.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Mary and John Mason, of Seminole, Fla., and Susan Regnier, of Bourbonnais; one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Debra Hodel, of Chandler, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Kathleen (Rex) Freligh, Dawn (Neal) Lucas, Nicole Mason, Jason Regnier and Jacob (Jenny) Hodel; five great-grandchildren, Zach Mason, Evan Regnier, Ryan Freligh, Jenna Freligh and Nicholas Lucas; and one sister, Bertie O'Connel.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Funeral Service

MAR 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AR

“ When we moved to Todd Lane, I pushed my 6 month old down our new street in his stroller...and a man and wife were outside and the man said, "Well, hi buddy"...that's how our friendship with Darold and Mary started over 8 years ago. They were always so friendly to our kids- a welcome place to just "stop by"...and each visit ended with some sort of treat, not just for the kids, but enough for my husband and I too. Two of my favorite memories of them are: 1. being able to talk to Darold about the Lord and about Heaven before he died and 2. When our daughter Addison was about 4, she was playing on the porch one day and suddenly we couldn't find her. We were frantic as we ran to 2 neighbors houses before ending up at Mary/Darolds... Out walked Addison and Mary, holding cookies and looking as if to say, "Where else did you think she'd be? She was at Mary's!" From planning Easter Egg hunts in her back yard, to letting the kids show her somersaults across her living room, Mary was great to our kids. I know Mary had been so broken-hearted since Darold died, and so lonely, and I'm thankful she's not lonely anymore. We were blessed to know them both and I'm confident that when I talked with Darold about Heaven, Mary listened too and they're enjoying Heaven together...talking all about those crazy neighbor kids who livened up Todd Lane. We will miss their friendship so much.

Adam and Marci Reynolds

Trey (8) and Addison (5)

Adam and Marci Reynolds - March 22, 2012 at 08:17 PM

DA

“ Our sympathies to the family - Sincerely Don and Alice

Don and Alice Anderson - March 22, 2012 at 05:01 PM

DA

“ *Don And Alice Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Dahms*



Don and Alice Anderson - March 22, 2012 at 05:00 PM

MM

“ *Sue, Mary and Mike,*

We are so sorry for your loss. Mary was a great neighbor...always a friendly wave, and ready to chat with anyone who stopped by. She was a hard worker, as evidenced by how often she was outdoors working around her home when the weather was nice (and sometimes when it wasn't!) We will miss her!

Randy and Marilyn Myers

Marilyn Myers - March 22, 2012 at 04:50 PM

RF

“ *Mike & Family:*

Sorry to hear about your Mom, such a nice friendly lady.

We have pleasant memories when we think about the young people who helped us at the Exline Gun Club.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sorry we can't express our sympathy in person.

Sincerely,

Ralph & Natalene (Nat) Ferrari

Ralph & Natalene Ferrari - March 21, 2012 at 08:30 PM

CW

Mary was a very special person. I became acquainted with her through my daughter, Marci Reynolds. Mary was a favorite person in the neighbor for Trey and Addison to visit. Oh, how kind she was to my grandchildren! They loved her. I will always remember the picture of Addison sitting outside in front of the garage with Mary & Darold. Mary always seemed to have a cookie available for the kids.

I was blessed when Mary gave me some of her beautiful flowers to start in my yard. Mine grew and were pretty, but never as lovely as Mary's. She had that tender care for plants.

Oh how she missed Darold, too. The butterfly release was a special time -- even though it rained.

The neighborhood for Marci, Trey, and Addison (as well as myself) will never be quite the same. I will miss walking down to say "hi to Mary". I thank God that my life and the life of my daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren crossed with the life of Mary Dahms. Because of it, we were all blessed --- and Mary will always hold a special and dear place in our hearts.

-Carol Watson

Carol Foor Watson - March 22, 2012 at 06:57 PM