



Mary R. Giardina

August 15, 1920 - December 8, 2014

Mary R. Giardina, 94, of Kankakee, passed away Monday (Dec. 8, 2014) at Presence Our Lady of Victory in Bourbonnais.

She was born Aug. 15, 1920, in Essex, the daughter of Andrew and Ella King Ruder. She married Jules J. Giardina on Oct. 14, 1944, at St. Rose Catholic Church in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on Dec. 1, 2010.

Mary was a retired employee of St. Martin of Tours Grade School, where she was known as Mrs. G. She also worked 11 years in the credit department of Sears. Mary was one of the first employees of the A&W Root Beer stand on River Street. She also worked at the Bear Brand Hosiery Co. She was a founding member of St. Martin of Tours Church, where she was a former president of the Altar and Rosary Society, a Eucharistic Minister and had been recognized in 2000 for her volunteerism at the church. Mary also had volunteered at St. Mary's Hospital's Seconds to Go store.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Martin and Laurie Giardina, of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Gary Giardina, of Kankakee; one daughter and son-in-law, Jayne and Roger Thompson, of Springfield; one sister, Adelia Loiselle, of Kankakee; grandchildren, James and Grace Thompson, Jessica Giardina, Michael Giardina and fiance Rachel, Emily, Andy and Abbey Giardina, and their mother, Barbara.

Preceding her in death were her husband; parents; son, James "Jules" Giardina; three brothers, Isadore, James and Vernon; and one sister, Marcella Egges.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Kankakee. Entombment will be in the Mount Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church.

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Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 3:00 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

DEC 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary R. Giardina*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - December 11, 2014 at 02:27 PM

CF

I loved seeing all of the old and new pictures of everyone. What a lovely tribute. I will be thinking of both Mr and Mrs G this Christmas and missing spending Christmas night with them in their very festive basement on Tanner St.

Carm Fogt - December 11, 2014 at 07:02 PM

GR

What a nice Tribute! Mary& Jules were both Kind & caring people, they are back together with their son Jules in Heaven. Sorry I couldn't be there to pay my Respects. Jerry R.

Gerald Robbins - December 12, 2014 at 03:04 PM

FG

“ *I will always be grateful to Mrs. G. She helped me through 5 years of teaching at St. Martin of Tours School. She is a saint! God bless her and her family.*

Francis J. Gianotti - December 12, 2014 at 10:03 AM

DK

“ *Dewey Kilbride lit a candle in memory of Mary R. Giardina*



Dewey Kilbride - December 11, 2014 at 09:37 PM

CW

“ *Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Mary R. Giardina*



Christopher Wilcox - December 10, 2014 at 01:09 PM

TR

“ *RIP Mary, Sorry for your lost, Barb and kids. Aloha oe . Uncle Tom & family*

Tom Robbins - December 10, 2014 at 11:38 AM

CB

“ *My sympathy on the loss of your Mother. How blessed you were to have her for so many years. Your Mom was my 1st cousin 1x removed, always thought she had an elegance about her and a nice person. I pray God will ease your loss with good memories.*
Cindy LaVoie Bossinger

Cindy Bossinger - December 09, 2014 at 07:16 PM

CU

I remember Mrs G very fondly from my years at St Martins. May her soul rest in peace. Cathy Shonkwiler Unger

cathy unger - December 11, 2014 at 11:58 AM

SH

*Dear Family of Mary, My prayers and sympathy are with you.
Blessings, Sr. Martha,sscm*

Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm - December 11, 2014 at 12:20 PM