



Mary Blanche Gresham

August 16, 1920 - September 14, 2024

Mary Blanche “Mary B” Gresham, age 104, of Bourbonnais passed away on September 14, 2024 at her home. Blanche was born on August 16, 1920 in Chicago, the daughter of David J. and Mary Blanche (Beique) McLaren. Blanche married Thomas C. Gresham at Maternity BVM church on December 27, 1941. He preceded her in death on September 23, 1995.

Blanche enjoyed travelling and spending time with her family.

Blanche is survived by her four daughters, Sherrill Howard, Leah Denault, Patricia Sabouri, and Kimberly Sektnan; ten grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and four sisters; Elizabeth Wulff, Teresa Spenard, Barbara McLaren, and Carole Meyer.

In addition to her husband, Blanche is preceded in death by her parents; and four siblings, James David McLaren, David James McLaren, Donald McLaren, and Merle McLaren.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

Inurnment will be held immediately after the service at All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care of Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

SEP **21**. 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

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“ I just got word that Blanche passed away. She is my grandmother Eileen's cousin and was one of her very good friends. I remember her and Clair at my grandma's house on several occasions and they were some of the nicest people I'd ever met. I'm sorry to hear that she's gone but I know she led a wonderful life.

Shelly D. - September 23, 2024 at 09:21 PM

MM

“ MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Mary Blanche Gresham



MR MRS - September 17, 2024 at 07:54 AM

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“ Growing up for the first several years of my life (in Kankakee, Illinois) I was surrounded by an enormous extended family...Nana, aunts, uncles, cousins...what a big ole family. Mary B was a big part of it. Her soft understanding voice gave such comfort to this skinny goofy little kid. She could give you a look without yelling and you just knew to correct yourself. Mary B was my favorite aunt. And the best Illinois had to offer.
What a long well lived life she had.

My deepest sympathys are offered to her daughters and her extended family. You will be missed Mary B.

Victoria Lee (Wulff) Marx

Victoria - September 16, 2024 at 02:32 PM