



## Mary E. Orban

August 20, 1949 - January 4, 2018

Mary E. Orban, age 68, of Kankakee, passed away Thursday, January 4, 2018 at her daughter's home in Denver, CO.

Mary was born August 20, 1949 in De Soto, MO, the daughter of Sonny & Lourine Hamel DeRousse.

She married William L. Orban Sr. on May 27, 1967 at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on December 22, 1995.

Mary had been a paraprofessional for School District 111, retiring from Kennedy Upper Grade Center.

She loved helping people and being with her grandchildren.

Surviving are her mother, Lourine Pinson of Bourbonnais; one son, William Orban Jr. of Kankakee; two daughters, Christina & Riggs Barr of Denver, CO, and Julie & Tom Rotz of Loveland, OH; five grandchildren, Cooper, Lila, Rowdy, Ava, and Emmett; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Mike & Joyce DeRousse of Amite, LA, Gary & Gloria DeRousse of Cedar Bluff, AL, Dale & Sylvia Pinson of Lapeer, MI, and Tim & Karen Pinson of Aroma Park; and one sister and brother-in-law, Barbara & Ken Brownsey of Bourbonnais.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her father, and two sisters, Roxanne VanDusen and Terry Lynn Pinson.

Visitation will be held 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Cremation rites will be held following the visitation.

Private family inurnment will be held at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the ALS Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

EG

“ My Husband Tim Gates and I have been neighbors to the Orban's for over 30 years. I remember a lot of fun times at their home with different parties. I babysat Julie for quite a few years she would come to our house after school. We always enjoyed having Julie here we got quite close with her she is a wonderful girl. You have our sincere sympathy for the Loss of your Mother Mary. Mary was always fun to talk with whenever we were in the yard we would talk she always had a great sense of humor and was a kind person. Just know that you all have an angel in heaven watching over you now. She will always be with you Love Never dies. Watch for signs she will show you all that she is near. Love and light to your Family. Tim and Beth Gates



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**Elizabeth Gates** - January 11, 2018 at 06:14 PM

RM

“ Rick And Kim Magruder lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Orban



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**Rick and Kim Magruder** - January 11, 2018 at 04:08 PM

BP

“ I met Mary in 1976 when I took her place at Shopper's Fair in Bradley. She was leaving the store to spend more time with her kids. Mary was one of a kind. She was so kind, nurturing, and would give you the shoes off of her feet if you needed a pair. The world has lost a wonderful woman, but Heaven has gained an angel. Mary was so wonderful to her family and all who knew her, always willing to help those in need, and typically neglecting her own needs. Mary and I were able to see each other a lot more beginning in 2002 when we both were at Kennedy Middle School. Our students at Kennedy benefited from her generous and caring spirit. She not only helped the students in her class, but every student at Kennedy knew who she was. She was always willing to take a student (in her class or any other class) under her wing. Mary always went out of her way to solicit items for our students - anything from clothing to books to stuffed animals. She was a great teacher. She missed her calling. Mary was the most caring and student centered paraprofessional I have ever worked with. To Chris, Billy, and Julie, my heart goes out to you and your families. Everyone who ever crossed Mary's path will miss her. She loved her children and adored her grandchildren. May you find comfort in knowing that she made this world and our Kankakee community a better place.  
Betty Peters-Lambert

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**Betty Peters-Lambert** - January 10, 2018 at 08:42 PM

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“ I worked with Mary at the jewelry store. What a great time we had together. We laughed so much. She was a joy to be around. Both of us had full-time jobs, so this was our get-away. Mary was someone that you never forgot. My deepest sympathies to her family. Thank you for lending her to me for that time.

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**Cheryl** - January 09, 2018 at 02:38 PM

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“ *Candy Pecchenino Ray lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Orban*



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**candy pecchenino ray** - January 09, 2018 at 10:55 AM

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“ *Our memories of Mary will always be of a generous and fun-loving lady. Sharing laughs with Mary at outings always brightened them.*

*Our sympathy to her kids on their loss of this lovely woman they were fortunate to call Mom. May your memories warm your hearts and laughter replace the tears as the years pass.*

*Rest in peace Merry Mary!!*

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**Rose & Gary Mitchell** - January 09, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ *Condolences to the Orban and DeRousse families.*

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**William Hardesty** - January 09, 2018 at 09:14 AM