



## Maxine D. Brule

December 1, 1918 - April 22, 2015

Maxine D. Brule, age 96, of Kankakee, passed Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at her home. She was born December 1, 1918 in Flanagan, the daughter of Clyde & Tillie Zehr Wells. Maxine married Paul L. Brule on Jan. 5, 1935 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Chicago. He preceded her in death September 27, 1989. She retired from Illinois Bell. She was an active parishioner at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Kankakee; singing in the church choir, serving as a Eucharistic minister as well as serving at funeral dinners. She was a member of HEA Quilters in Kankakee, a member of Illinois Bell. Maxine enjoyed crafts, quilting, and crocheting. She created beautiful ceramics and was a tremendous cook. Most of all, she enjoyed being with her family. Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie & Jim Kundert of Fort Atkinson, WI; eight grandchildren, Susan (Chris) Gregory, Jim Dieter, Kathy (Terry) Nugent, Kris (Brian) Hofer, Mary (Mike) Lawrence, Jeff (Christy) Patton, Michael Brule, and Brenda (Chad) Stahl; fourteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. She is preceded in death by her husband; two daughters, Cheryl Brule and Lenore Dieter; one son, Terry Brule; and one granddaughter, Joan Klonowski. Visitation will be held 8:30 until 9:45 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:00 a.m. Saturday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, Kankakee. Cremation Rites will be accorded following the funeral Mass.

Memorials may be made to Bishop McNamara High School. - [www.bishopmac.com/](http://www.bishopmac.com/)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **25**. 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

APR **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Hello Bonnie, I have tried several times since your Mother's death to write and finally I am able to do so. (This site did not accept my earlier attempts.) My Mother, Pearl Schlenz Sanculius, was a dear friend of your Mother's as they knew each other since St. Martin of Tours days and my brothers, Tom and Joe Schlenz and I were students there, just as Lenore and Terry and you were. I was so sorry to read Maxine's obit as a friend in Kankakee also sent it to me from the paper. Your Mother died one day before my Mother's 98th birthday and they usually sent cards to one another over all these years. My Mother lives with me and has done so since 2010. She is in good health, but has slowed down a bit. She wanted me to tell you how very sorry she is and that she "will miss visiting with Maxine on the phone". We live in Tucson, AZ (since 1979). Deepest sympathy to you and your family. I'm sure God has welcomed your Mother into a very special place in Heaven. Sincerely, Diane (Penny) Schlenz Hall, Tucson, AZ

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**Diane L.(Penny) Schlenz Hall** - July 14, 2015 at 12:53 PM

DC

“ Maxine you deserve one of the best places in Heaven. You looked after family here on earth. I enjoyed the long talks on the telephone. Epecially our last Zehr reunion at the Homestead in August of 2014, RIP

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**Dennis W. Clark** - May 01, 2015 at 08:01 PM

BK

“ To my Mom - Words can't describe how life will be without you, Mim! Your giggles whenever I called you, our many visits on the phone - both during the week and on weekends, the great trips we took together (I remember the Disney World cruise the most fondly because we all became kids again!), the way you stayed at our house when Jim & I were gone to Hawaii for our wedding/honeymoon. You taught me to crochet when I was in need of a hobby while living in New Jersey, and I stayed with it through the years. Also, I love & cherish every ceramic piece you made for me! The beautiful detailing always astounded me. I learned to decorate my home through ideas I got from you. I learned to bake & cook with your guidance. There is very little I can think of in my life that you weren't a part of, especially in the years after Lenore passed away. We had a good time going to Blue's for lunch or supper, and just talking things over. You always supported me in my times of trial, Mim, and I'll never be able to thank you enough for that. I love you, and I will miss you terribly. I'll be seeing you after this life is over. But for now, as the song says, "God holds you in the palm of His hand."  
Love you,  
Bonnie

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**Bonnie B. Kundert** - April 28, 2015 at 09:08 AM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Maxine D. Brule



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**Christopher Wilcox** - April 26, 2015 at 03:29 PM

PZ

“ Paul and Maxine were our neighbors on Hawkins street when I was growing up. Fond memories of those days growing up in that neighborhood in 1960s are still with me to this day. Bonnie was my baby sitter when my parents went out on an occasional Saturday night. I remember going over the Brule's house next door for a parties in their neat basement. Lots of fun was had by all including kids. As I recall Terry was in a band I think was called the "Mellow Dee Men" (or something like that). I even think the band may have cut a record or two. Lenore went on to become a nurse. I'm not sure why I remember all this but it was that kind of neighborhood where neighbors knew one another and enjoyed each others company. As for Paul, I believe he was a pharmacist at Walgreens in Meadowview. And of course Maxine worked for Illinois Bell. I remember when they added on a room addition for Grandmother Wells. She was very nice lady too. In closing, my thoughts go out to all of you in this most difficult time.



*Paul Ziemer, WA state*

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**Paul Ziemer** - April 25, 2015 at 09:52 PM

BK

*Hi Paul - Haven't seen you in so, so long! So nice of you to post a message on my mom's page. Wish you were on Facebook so we could catch up. Take care!  
Bonnie*

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**Bonnie B. Kundert** - April 30, 2015 at 11:23 AM

PZ

*Just saw this. Sorry I'm not on Facebook. Moved from IL to WA in 1982. I retired from the Nuclear Power field two years ago. Nice to hear back from you.*

*Paul Ziemer*

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**Paul Zlemer** - June 09, 2015 at 12:55 AM

BC

“ So sorry to hear of Maxine's passing. Of course at her age none us should be to surprised.....I know I'll never make it to her age. We loved her dearly, as did both our Mom and Dad, and now I know she is with them all, not to mention Paul, Leonore and Terry. We'll join them all in Gods good time. So glad we got to see and visit with her on our last trip to Kankakee. Bob Clark.

Bob Clark - April 24, 2015 at 08:40 PM



“ Tina Guenette Grise lit a candle in memory of Maxine D. Brule



Tina Guenette Grise - April 24, 2015 at 04:15 PM



I just met her about a month ago, such a sweet lady. So sorry for your loss Bonnie.

Tina Guenette Grise - April 24, 2015 at 04:16 PM

NB

“ Maxine was such a wonderful neighbor who will be greatly missed. She was always so kind and thoughtful. She opened her doors to us always, even on Christmas eve night when we accidentally locked ourselves out of the house with our baby girl, without hesitation she let us in, it really turned a bad situation into an enjoyable memory. She will truly be missed and was such a wonderful lady. Our condolences to the whole family.

Nick and Ashley Benjamin - April 24, 2015 at 02:05 PM

CM

“ *Maxine & Paul were good friends with my parents (Glenn & Elaine Mulligan). I remember Mom talking about Maxine many times. I was in school with Terry at St. Patrick Central & was saddened when he passed. She will join her family in heaven & maybe run into my folks again. Deepest sympathy to her family.*



*Cathie (Sederstrand) Miedema*

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**Cathie (Sederstrand) Miedema** - April 24, 2015 at 11:36 AM

LO

“ *I worked with Maxine back in the 60's at Illinois Bell. She was an amazing person who helped an 18 year old in her first job as a telephone operator. I have many happy memories of her. Linda Markley Overacker*

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**Linda Overacker** - April 24, 2015 at 11:29 AM

KA

“ *Such wonderful memories of holidays at her home with all the family sitting together. Lots of laughter and food. My favorite gifts were the homemade blankets and quilts. Mim made me a blanket in my favorite colors. You will be missed. Give Mom, Aunt Madeline, Joan, Pip and Uncle Terry a hug from me!*

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**Kathy** - April 24, 2015 at 06:40 AM



“ Jeffrey Patton lit a candle in memory of  
Maxine D. Brule



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Jeffrey Patton - April 24, 2015 at 01:31 AM



“ I will always cherish all the great times our family all spent down in  
the rec room together having lots of treats and sodas and catching  
up with each other. Going to MIM and pips was like coming home.

Loved her cookies and those pbutter choc finger snacks. Is having  
to "eat in shifts" as she would say cuz her kitchen was small.

I loved getting up early in the morn with her and talking and eating  
cracklin oat bran.

I will miss her dearly and look forward to seeing her, pip, Lenore,  
Terry and Joan all again when God calls me home one day

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Jeffrey Patton - April 24, 2015 at 01:27 AM

KH

“ Oh Mim, my Grandmother...there are so many fond memories I have, where do I start? I think with your chocolate chip cookies. They were the best ever and I remember raiding your cookie jar a lot when we came to visit. I know you said it was "just the Tollhouse recipe", but I have tried to make them from that and they are just never the same as yours.

Popcorn down in the rec room, slide shows of all your vacations with Pip, playing the organ, weekends and sleep overs with cousins...you were a brave lady to take at least 7 of us to a Disney flick! Taking us all to church was brave too, and we knew darned sure not to misbehave! Then it was time for dinner - Saturday was "steak night". :)

Spending time in the summers with you and Pip, playing cribbage, helping in the gardening and filling your bird feeders, playing with the toys you always had ready for us in the basement rec room, teaching me to sew my first skirt, making us "pillowcase nightgowns"...your beloved Dachshunds who would bark at and play with us... so, so many memories.

Bless you, Mim, you lived a full and happy life and now you are in such a grand place that I can't even imagine...and are finally again with Pip, Lenore, Joan, Cheryl, my Dad Terry and so-so many others I can't even list. I hope you are able to treat them all to cookies in heaven!

Love Always

Kris Hofer

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Kris Hofer - April 23, 2015 at 08:33 PM



“ I will miss you Mim! When I was a little girl I would get so excited when you and Pip came to visit. You would bring me a purse with money, chapstick and Velamints. The little things you did made us feel special! Give my Dad a hug for me! ❤️ Mary L.

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**Mary Lawrence** - April 23, 2015 at 08:09 PM