



May Marie Forgacs

May 3, 1917 - December 18, 2014

May Marie Forgacs, 97, of Kankakee, passed away Dec. 18, 2014, at her home. She was born May 3, 1917, in Houghton, Mich., the daughter of Paul and Mary L. Aubin Legris. May married Stephen Forgacs on May 17, 1942, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bradley. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Forgacs was a housewife and seamstress, including working as a seamstress at The Wedding Center in Bourbonnais. She started volunteering at the Kankakee County Fair in 1963 and for 38 years also entered her own flowers, vegetables and canned goods and won numerous prizes, ribbons and grand championships for her efforts. She was an active member of Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais for over 66 years. Both she and her husband were active in the church choir. She was named St. Anne Sadality Woman of the Year in 1973, served in community affairs for Catholic Charities, chairman of public relations and community affairs for 10 years on the Kankakee Deanery Board, secretary for the C.C.W. Sacristan for seven years for Maternity B.V.M., and served as secretary-treasurer of Notre Dame School Mother's Club. May was also a 4-H leader for seven years, Cub Scout Den Mother for five years, and helped with fundraising for the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, March of Dimes, and many others. May also participated in the first active U.S. Census for the Village of Bourbonnais, was a member of Women of the Moose for 26 years, and she and her husband joined the Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School Senior Citizens' Club in 1976, where they were avid morning swimmers and very

active members in all that group's activities. May had graduated from BBCHS in 1942.

Surviving are sons, Stephen J. Forgacs, of Tucson, Ariz., Leonard R. Forgacs, of Kankakee; daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Beth (Jim) Stine, of Marco Island, Fla., Kathryn Casper, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Susan R. Hathcock, of Harvard; brothers, Lawrence Legris, of California, and George Legris, of Washington; special niece, Lynn Warren, of Normal; grandchildren, Jeff Herbst, Thomas Byrne, Aaron Byrne, Steven Forgacs, Kirsten Falsey, Jazmin Hathcock, Austin Hathcock; and great-grandchildren, Sabrina Herbst, Monika Herbst, Alan Herbst, Shyla May Forgacs, Harper Ann Forgacs, Simone Falsey, and Sophia Falsey. In addition to her husband, preceding her in death were a son, John Forgacs; grandson, Scott Casper; sisters, Vivian Weaver, Henrietta Darch, Rita Clanahan, JoAnne Warren; brothers, Lionel Legris, Edmund Legris, Paul Legris, Albert Legris, and Leonard Legris. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 26, 2014, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais, with the Rev. Jason Nesbit officiating. Interment will follow in All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to the medical department at Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

DEC **27**. 11:00 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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“ *She will be missed dearly love you aunt may rest in peace*

crystal Klonowski - December 26, 2014 at 08:21 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about May's passing. She was an awesome person. We are so blessed to have know her and was able to see her the last time we were in town. May God Bless her.. Love, Thomas and Linda Cyrier*

Linda Cyrier - December 22, 2014 at 04:00 PM

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“ *We all lost such a dear member of our extended family with Aunt May passing last week. My brothers and sisters and I loved visiting Aunt May and Uncle Steve at their wonderful home on Main St in Bourbonnais. Aunt May always had a way of making you feel at home and welcome. The hugs, as my sister mentioned, were full of love. A beautiful soul, and full of faith, May Forgacs was an amazing lady, who helped raise our mother after their mother died. Love you so much Aunt May. God bless her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was very proud of all of you.*

Mary (Warren) Solon - December 22, 2014 at 03:46 PM

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“ *Where to start? Auntie May was so very special to me. She was my second mom. I remember so fondly my visits to her home hanging with Susie in the summers for two weeks. She taught me to like tomatoes and I would try any food just for her. She had hugs like my Mom - welcoming and warm and full of love. I will miss her sense of humor and beautiful smile. Blessings to all of May's children and grandchildren at this difficult time. I love you Auntie May - see you again someday...*

Lynn Warren - December 20, 2014 at 01:52 PM