



## Richard G. Schnell

June 6, 1928 - November 27, 2016

Richard G. Schnell, age 88, of Bourbonnais, passed away Sunday, November 27, 2016 at Miller Healthcare Center in Kankakee.

He was born June 6, 1928 in Kankakee, the son of Ernest & Lillian Lambert Schnell.

He married Dorothy Ruder May 6, 1950 at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Herscher. Dorothy preceded him in death February 17, 2016.

Richard began his career at a Mom & Pop store in Herscher, then worked for a short time at Kroger. He retired from Jewel Osco in 1989 after managing stores in Kankakee, Bradley, Bourbonnais, and Park Forest.

More recently, he and his wife were associates of Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes.

He was a member of Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais, where he previously served as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, and he also sang in the church funeral choir. He was a former member of the Quadrille Club, the Moose Lodge, the Elks Club, and the Illinois National Guard.

Richard was very proud of his family. He enjoyed ballroom dancing, traveling, playing cards, and gardening.

Surviving are his children, Lana & Don Middleton of Grand Junction, CO, Alyce & Bruce Heldt of Bourbonnais, Lori Norden & Mel Pearson of Lexington, Rick & Kristina Schnell of Boulder, CO; one sister, Janet & Harold Haigh of Bourbonnais; eleven grandchildren, Chad & Serpil Middleton, Brett & Katy Middleton, Brooke & Anthony Aire, Amy & Eric Allen, Emily & Steve Toth, Ellyn & Mike Barzantny, Sarah & Mike Brooks, Gina & Todd Cordes, Jeff & Samantha Stevenson, Anna Schnell, and Katie Schnell; 23 great-grandchildren; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy; and one niece, Suzanne Haigh.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 2, 2016 at Maternity BVM Catholic Church. Rev. Richard Pighini will celebrate the Mass.

Entombment will follow at All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum in Bourbonnais. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bishop McNamara Catholic School Bourbonnais Campus or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 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 2. 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

SC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Schnell family during this difficult time. Lana and Donnie, we're thinking about you and your family. Bernie & Shelley Cox*



Shelley & Bernie Cox - December 03, 2016 at 07:53 PM



*Thank you Bernie & Shelly*

Lana Middleton - December 06, 2016 at 08:02 PM

CS

“ *Carla Sceppler lit a candle in memory of Richard G. Schnell*



Carla Sceppler - December 03, 2016 at 07:04 PM

DH

“ *Dorothy, Dick is remembered fondly. Our thoughts and prayers are with at this time. May he rest in peace.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Dave and Bernadette Fritz Hansing*

David Hansing - December 03, 2016 at 09:23 AM

RR

“ *Sorry for your loss.  
Ron Ramsey*



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**Ron Ramsey** - December 02, 2016 at 05:49 PM

KY

“ *It was a joy to work with Richard and to be friends with Dorothy my sympathies my sincere condolences to the family God bless you all*

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**Karen Africano Yappen** - December 01, 2016 at 09:04 PM

BS

“ *What more can I say... It is like losing a brother. He will be missed by so many. We had many great times and laughs together over the years. May God bless him and his devoted family. My heart cries!!!*

*Bob Sicard*

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**Bob Sicard** - December 01, 2016 at 09:26 AM



*Thank you Bob for your kind words. Lana*

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**Lana Middleton** - December 06, 2016 at 08:05 PM

SZ

“ My most sincere sympathy and love to the Schnell family at this very hard and sad time. I was blessed to know and work with Rich at the jewel in Park Forest and Bourbonnais. He was a thoughtful and caring boss who was respected by the Jewel family and customers alike. I'm sorry I can't be there to share my condolences in person but I am with you all in spirit and you are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Susan Zumbahlen*

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**Susan Zumbahlen** - December 01, 2016 at 09:11 AM



*Thank you Susan for your kind words. Lana*

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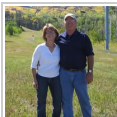
**Lana Middleton** - December 06, 2016 at 08:06 PM

NA

“ Put on your dancing shoes Richard, you and Dorothy will be twirling around once again. Only this time it will be in Heaven. We so enjoyed this guy. Nick and Rich played ball together 75 (or more) years ago and we enjoyed our many years of friendship. Our sympathy and prayers go to the family. May all the happy memories replace the loss your are now feeling.

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**Nick/Shirley Africano** - December 01, 2016 at 07:15 AM



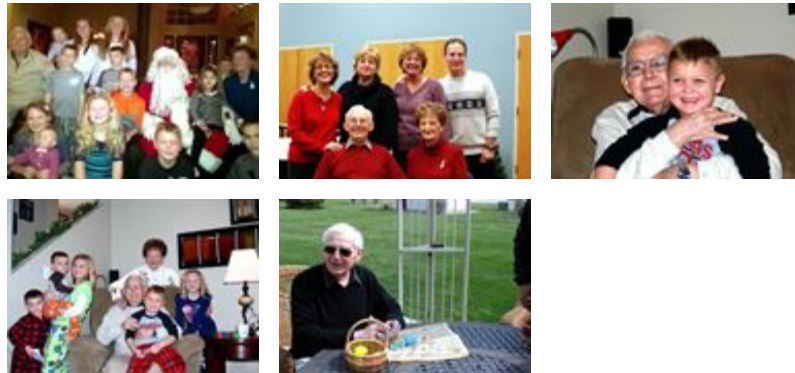
*Thank you for your kind words. Lana*

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**Lana Middleton** - December 06, 2016 at 08:08 PM



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - November 30, 2016 at 12:14 PM

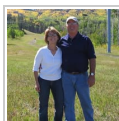
CB

“ *Uncle Rich, my favorite. Rich was my first boss at Jewel. It was mainly because of his encouragement and referrals that gave me a career. I will always miss that jovial laugh and the twinkle in his eye. He was one in a million.*

*Cindy Bossinger*

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**Cindy Bossinger** - November 29, 2016 at 09:50 PM



*Thank you Cindy! Lana*

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**Lana Middleton** - December 06, 2016 at 08:09 PM

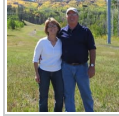
DC

“ *So sorry for your loss. May God be with all of you now and always.*

*Jim & Diana (Hooker) Coryell*

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**D Coryell** - November 29, 2016 at 05:03 PM



*Thank you!*

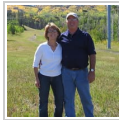
**Lana Middleton** - December 06, 2016 at 08:10 PM

MT

“ *Hugs and prayers are with you. May God bless you with peace and comfort. They are together again dancing their way through Heaven.*



**Mary Thomson** - November 29, 2016 at 11:38 AM



*Thank you!*

**Lana Middleton** - December 06, 2016 at 08:11 PM

JL

“ *Ellyn:*

*So sorry for the loss of your Grandpa; thinking of you.*

*Love,*

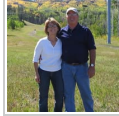
*Uncle (in-law) Jeff, Anita, Tommy & Zach Lahners*

**Jeff Lahners** - November 29, 2016 at 10:04 AM

CO

“ *I am sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers and thoughts. It was a pleasure working and knowing both of your parents.*  
*Colleen Regnier*

**Colleenb** - November 29, 2016 at 08:37 AM



*Thank you!*

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**Lana Middleton** - December 06, 2016 at 08:11 PM

LN

“ *This adorable man captured my heart from the minute he became my boss at Jewel Food Store ! We shared similar laughter, love of people and we both understood the meaning and importance of "customer service". It was the "good ole days" of the grocery business! Such great memories!*

*Rich told me if I could do so good for Jewel I could do well for myself and gave me the courage to become a Realtor. I was fortunate enough to sell their home for them and find them their current home.*

*Rich, Dorothy and I became very good friends at daily morning mass at Maternity. I loved these two precious people dearly. I am thrilled that they are together again "waltzing in Heaven"*

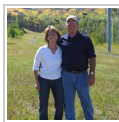
*To all of the children and grandchildren.....my deepest sympathy. May God's love and peace be your strength.*

*Love and hugs,*

*Lori Naese*

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**lori naese** - November 28, 2016 at 08:19 PM



*Thanks Lori! Love you back Lana*

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**Lana Middleton** - December 06, 2016 at 08:13 PM

SA

*So sweet Lori thank you :)*

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**sarah** - December 06, 2016 at 09:00 PM



“ *Uncle Rich was just such a "one-in-a-million." He and Aunt Dorothy were a formidable pair who were truly meant for one another. It was such an honor and privilege to have known him. I will deeply miss him. My most sincere sympathies to his children, grandkids and great-grandkids.*

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**John Ruder** - November 28, 2016 at 02:54 PM



*Thank you John*

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**Lana Middleton** - December 06, 2016 at 08:13 PM