



## Shirley J. Africano

June 14, 1934 - December 4, 2022

Shirley J. Africano, age 88, of Bourbonnais passed away Sunday, December 4, 2022 at her daughter's home in New Buffalo, MI. She was born June 14, 1934 in Kankakee, the daughter of Levi & Bernadette (Lambert) Remillard. She married Nicholas J. Africano on June 26, 1954 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on March 2, 2022. Shirley was a retired employee of School District 111. She was a graduate of St. Joseph Seminary. She was a member of the Quadrille Club, Something Special Singers, and spent many years working with post-operative breast cancer patients. Shirley was an accomplished seamstress and home decorator. Most of all, Shirley was an incredible mother to seven children. Surviving are six sons, Randy & Diane Africano of Chicago, Tom & Leslie Africano of Chicago, David Africano of Bourbonnais, James Africano of Bourbonnais; Dana & Charmaine Africano of St. Joseph, MI, and Nicholas Africano of Bourbonnais; one daughter, Gina & Blake O'Halloran of Grand Beach, MI; one sister-in-law, Theresa Rebholz of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; twenty-three grandchildren, Nicholas and Sara Africano of Barrington, IL, Kevin and Haley (Africano) Fitzsimons of Buffalo Grove, IL, Simon and Emily (Africano) Hotz of Chicago, Dan and Ellen (Africano) Wagner of Chicago, Henry and Tessa Africano of Chicago, Capt. Frank Africano of Quantico, VA, Sophia Africano of Minocqua, WI, Edie Africano of South Bend, IN, Joe Africano of Colorado Springs, CO, Lauren Africano of Chicago, Charlie Africano of Bourbonnais, Benton Africano of Los Angeles, CA, Alec & Alaina (Africano)

LaCasse of Chicago, Mia Africano of St. Joseph, MI, Enzo Africano of St. Joseph, MI, Louis & Madeleine (Africano) Samuels of Louisville, KY, Claudia Africano of Chicago, Marcello Africano of Chicago, Asconio Africano of Chicago, Jack O'Halloran of Chicago, Eve O'Halloran of Tampa, FL, Gavin O'Halloran of Grand Beach, MI, and Charlie O'Halloran of Grand Beach, MI ; and ten great-grandchildren, Luca Africano, Elio Africano, Arthur Fitzsimons, Hazel Hotz, Felix Hotz, Hugo Hotz, Mavis Wagner, Quinn Wagner, Annalynn Samuels, and Russell Samuels. In addition to her husband, Nicholas J. Africano, Shirley is preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Leo Remillard.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at St. Rose of Lima Chapel in Kankakee. Cremation rites will be accorded following the Mass. Inurnment will be held at a later date at All Saints Mausoleum. Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 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 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Chapel  
486 W. Merchant  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ To the Africano family, Valencia and I send our condolences. May the peace of God rest on all the family at this time. We are familiar with the family through our friendship with Nick. God bless you all.

Carl and Valencia Moran - December 15, 2022 at 02:06 PM

JE

“ Our sympathy to the family for your loss. She was a genuinely nice and kind woman.



Jerry Enright and Julie Enright - December 13, 2022 at 08:25 PM

MH

“ Mom & Dad Hotz purchased the Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet for the family of Shirley J. Africano.



Mom & Dad Hotz - December 13, 2022 at 02:41 PM

MT

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Shirley was an amazing lady!

Maggie Brandenburg Taylor - December 13, 2022 at 01:39 PM

BL

“ Have wonderful memories of our life in Kankakee and the friendship we made with Nick and Shirley and their family especially Jamie being one of my Scott’s best friends. Nick and Shirley had such a beautiful love for one another, both hard working and love of family was number one in their life. Rest In Peace Shirley. ❤️❤️🙏🙏😊

Barbara Liggett - December 13, 2022 at 09:03 AM

AO

“ Amazing, classy lady Shirley. An incredible Mom and Grandmother, she was beautiful inside and out. I was always inspired and admired her combination of grit and grace. She is once again in the loving arms of her soulmate Nick. They leave a legacy of love and support of family and a treasure chest of precious memories for all the generations. With deepest sympathy and thoughts and prayers to the family....

Ann Offermann

Ann Offermann - December 12, 2022 at 11:27 AM

LB

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Tom & Linda Boisvert

LINDA BOISVERT - December 12, 2022 at 11:18 AM

PJ

“ Patricia Jones lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Africano



Patricia Jones - December 11, 2022 at 06:57 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Africano.



December 10, 2022 at 08:53 AM



“ Ultimate Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Africano.



December 09, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ Katie Chigaros lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Africano



Katie Chigaros - December 07, 2022 at 02:18 PM



“ Our very deepest sympathy to the Africano family. Aunt Shirley was an amazing lady and we shared the same birthdays:) I am sure she will be very missed ! Hugs , love and prayers 🙏❤️🙏 to all of you!  
Bob and Kathy Cook

kathy cook - December 07, 2022 at 12:35 PM

BA

“ So sorry for your loss Sending prayers to family and friends.  
*Bryan Andrews*

**Bryan Andrews** - December 07, 2022 at 10:45 AM

DK

“ *Darcy & Donn Kane lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Africano*



**Darcy & Donn Kane** - December 07, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *To The remaining Africano family, I'm so sorry I never met all of you, I only recall going ice-skating with Dana! & he never knew me but maybe he'd recall my cousins The Tomaszewskis?Annd my niece Jerilyn Jones?But my utmost condolences to this wonderful family!!!!(Miss Kay Graham of Chicago)*

**Kay Graham** - December 07, 2022 at 10:15 AM

DA

*Oh thank you Kay, I do remember you and the Tomaszewski's. What a wonderful time in our lives.*

**Dana Africano** - December 10, 2022 at 12:27 AM

SV

“ *Stephen Vellutini lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Africano*



**Stephen Vellutini** - December 07, 2022 at 09:32 AM

CR

“ Candy Pecchenino Ray lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Africano



Candy pecchenino ray - December 07, 2022 at 08:41 AM

HJ

“ On behalf of the Society of the Cobrastone, we express our deepest sympathy to all of you. Your Mother was our Mother. She was the essence of love, laughter, wisdom and so much more. She was our Mother as much as she was yours. We our truly grief stricken on her passing. Please know that we will remember her and cherish her for the rest of days. We bestow her with the highest honor and praise for always being there for all of us. Please know that all of us are there for you, as we always have been: Forever!

Hugh Janda - December 06, 2022 at 09:38 PM

AR

“ I'm saddened now by the loss of a good friend and former co-worker. My sympathies are with her family. O

Armeline - December 06, 2022 at 09:17 PM

HJ

“ It is with great sadness that we express our deepest condolences to all the Africano's. She was such a loving, truly caring soul. Every single visit I was greeted like one of the family. Such a legacy she leaves behind. To experience an Africano gathering is simply amazing! She was more than a Mom. I will never ever forget her.

Hugh Janda - December 06, 2022 at 08:05 PM

BG

*To all of the Africano children and their families we express our sincere condolences. We here in Florida have missed Nick and Shirley over the last couple of years. They were true friends and you could always depend on for a laugh - a story - or a delicious dessert. May she R.I.P with her beloved Nick. Love n sweet memories from Betty and Sal Gambino* ❤️🙏❤️

---

**Betty And Sal Gambino** - December 12, 2022 at 10:13 PM

SR

*My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Shirley and Nick were wonderful friends of our family. So sorry for your loss.*  
*Steve Randazzo and Family*

---

**Steve Randazzo** - December 13, 2022 at 04:24 PM

LL

*Our sincerest condolences to the Africano family. Shirley was a beautiful lady and left a beautiful legacy. May she RIP. Lorette and Michael Lavine*

---

**Lorette Lavine** - December 15, 2022 at 03:47 PM