



Catherine C. Malec

April 13, 1929 - November 9, 2023

Catherine C. Malec RN. Passed away peacefully with her family at her side on Thursday, November 9, 2023. She was the beloved wife for 55 years to the late Deacon Albert C. Malec Sr. Loving mother of Philip (Mary), Albert Jr. (late Jeanette), Thomas (Mary) Malec and Mary Malec (Chuck Lones). Much loved Grandmother of Laura, Colleen (Dave), Bill, Kevin, Elizabeth, Sarah, Carl and Anthony. Dear Great grandmother of Emma, Grayson, Henry, Brynlee and Aidan. Devoted member of St. Daniel the Prophet Parish, Catherine unconditionally gave of her time as a deacon's wife and loyal member of the church. She was a member of St. Daniel's Women's Club, St. Daniel St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Bereavement Ministry, St. Daniel's Parish Nursing Group, and worked as the school nurse from 1972 to 1981. She also was an Auxiliary member of American Legion Marvin Seamann Post. A 1950 graduate of St. Francis School of Nursing, Catherine began her career as a staff nurse at Hines V.A. Hospital where she met her husband and later worked at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Catherine was a lifelong Cubs fan! Visitation is Wednesday, from 4 PM to 8 PM at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W. Archer Ave.(55th street just west of Harlem). Family and friends will meet on Thursday at St. Daniel the Prophet Church at 9:30 AM until time of mass at 10:30AM. We will go in procession from the church to Resurrection Cemetery where Catherine will be laid to rest next to her husband. In lieu of flowers she consider a donation to St. Daniel St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

7201 Archer Ave
Justice, IL 60458-1145

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit
7300 West Archer Ave
Summit, IL 60501
(708) 458-0208
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<https://www.foranfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation at Church

NOV **16**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Daniel the Prophet Church
5358 South Nashville
Chicago, IL 60638

Mass

NOV **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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5358 South Nashville
Chicago, IL 60638

Tribute Wall



“ *Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine C. Malec*



Foran Funeral Home - November 15, 2023 at 01:53 PM

TR

“ *Trr sent a virtual gift in memory of Catherine C. Malec*



ttr - January 19, 2024 at 07:37 PM

SL

“ *From the day we met, I loved Catherine Malec. Some years ago, we spent ten delightful days together in Italy with her daughter, Mary, and my son, Chuck. Having Catherine in my life has been a wonderful blessing. Some joyful day, we will meet again! God bless and comfort Catherine's family and all of us who were fortunate enough to know and love her. Shirley Lones*

Shirley Lones - November 17, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ 197 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Foran Funeral Home - November 15, 2023 at 01:38 PM

KG

“ *Kathy Gavin sent a virtual gift in memory of Catherine C. Malec*



Kathy Gavin - November 15, 2023 at 01:55 AM

KG

“ *Kathy Gavin lit a candle in memory of Catherine C. Malec*



Kathy Gavin - November 15, 2023 at 01:55 AM

JC

“ *The Colette Cheffer family are so sorry for your loss. Catherine and my mother Colette are first cousins. They exchanged Christmas cards for many years. Catherine would visit my mom whenever she was in Kankakee. I will inform mom of Catherine's passing. My condolences - Jim Cheffer*

Jim Cheffer - November 14, 2023 at 10:50 AM

AG

“ *Our most sincere & heartfelt condolences. We're so sorry for you loss.*



Alicia Germolec - November 14, 2023 at 03:17 AM

BR

“ *Brynlee lit a candle in memory of Catherine C. Malec*

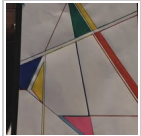


Brynlee - November 13, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ I knew Catherine through St. Dan's. I first met her when I was a first-grade student and she was the school nurse. I got to know her better when she worked with my mom (Joyce) at the extended daycare. She was such a kind and caring person. After my dad (Fred) had a stroke, she would bring him communion, and during my mom's final years, Catherine would always come by us in church to say hi. If my mom wasn't with me, Catherine would always ask how she was. I will miss Catherine. She was a wonderful woman. My deepest condolences for your loss.

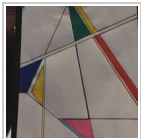
Karen Kobylarz - November 13, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ Tony DeGiuseppe lit a candle in memory of Catherine C. Malec



Tony DeGiuseppe - November 13, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ I knew Catherine because she was a nearby neighbor . I also knew her husband Albert. Catherine was kind enough to assist my sister and brother in selecting hymns for my Mother Caroline's funeral mass. She continued to be a helpful and watchful neighbor for my sister Carol for many years thereafter. God bless you Catherine, and your loved ones. Thank You for being an Angel in so many ways.

Anthony DeGiuseppe from New England Avenue

Tony DeGiuseppe - November 13, 2023 at 04:29 PM

AB

“ *I have known Catherine through exercise class for many years. She was a great and friendly lady.*

Anna Bryson - November 13, 2023 at 09:35 AM

BR

“ *She was the most sweetest great grandma too me she was always so kind and gentle to her grandchildren*

brynlee - November 12, 2023 at 10:25 AM

MR

“Mrs. Malec was a gentle, kind, even-keeled person, full of goodness. I grew up next door to her on Newcastle, playing with her daughter Mary, and she left a giant imprint on my childhood. I don’t think I’ve ever met anyone as gifted in the art of gentle guidance. We grew up in a time and place when racist and ethnic slurs were freely thrown around, but never by Mrs. Malec, and my young self sat up and took notice of the way she opposed these expressions, and it deeply affected and changed my world outlook and behavior for the better, and it inspired me to be more like her in striving to embrace ALL of humanity. She spoke kind words of others and modeled that, which my young self found impressive because other adults didn’t do that, and her example made me thoughtful and questioning about things I would otherwise have unconsciously replicated or taken for granted. Her hospitality and courtesy was impressive. She (and Mary) always opened her door to my sister and me many a day for Kool-Aid and cookies at her kitchen table, and she and Al took us to Wrigley Field for Cubs games and on many a camping trip, whether in the backyard or the Indiana Dunes. She had a spirit of service that could make anyone feel welcome and included, which is why she was the perfect school nurse at St. Dan’s, taking care of so many children in her time. Sometime you look back over life, and you see those handful of Christ-like people that you have known who gave themselves quietly, with grace, without fanfare or loud proselytizing or, worse, loud-mouthed opinionating on the side of power when it comes to politics—you know, you see an actual Christian, giving love to their neighbor and God. That was Mrs. Malec’ and her life, and I was abundantly blessed to have had her as a kind, wise neighbor and mentor putting her gentle touch on my development. Much love and comfort to the Malec family as you say good bye to your beloved mother. Even though she lived a rich and long and beautiful life, it is never easy letting a mother go. I am praying for you. RIP, Mrs. Malec, an angel on earth you were.

Marguerite Regan - November 11, 2023 at 09:31 AM

KG

I am having a hard time dealing with Catherine's death. I thought she would be like Betty White and live to at least 99 years old. We were blessed to have her as long as we had.

Marguerite, your words brought comfort to me. Yes, Catherine was a gentle, kind and very giving person who set an example for many. She too left a huge imprint on my life with her gentle guidance. She had a spirit of service to neighbor and God. Catherine will be greatly missed. RIP Catherine. My heartfelt condolences to her family on their huge loss.

Kathy Gavin - November 12, 2023 at 04:59 PM

SR

“ I met Mrs. Malec when she worked at St. Dan's extended care. I always appreciated the task she had dealing with all those rambunctious children. Rest in Peace Mrs. Malec!

Silvia Rapacz - November 11, 2023 at 02:23 AM