



## JoVenna Lafikes Manns Price

July 5, 1929 - October 18, 2019

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

JoVenna Lafikes Manns Price, 90, died at 10:25 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2019 at Eunice Smith in Alton. She was born July 5, 1929 in Alton the daughter of the late Samuel and Blanche (Steele) Balaco. She attended Marquette Catholic High School and graduated from SIUE with a degree in special education. She worked as a mental health specialist at the Alton State hospital. She retired from the Alton State hospital but continued to serve others by volunteering for hospice and serving at the hospital as a greeter. On February 27, 1949 she married Louis Lafikes, he preceded her in death in 1969. On September 21, 1977 she married Edwin Manns, he preceded her in death in 1994. In 1997 she married J. Price, he preceded her in death in May of 2017. Surviving are three sons, George Lafikes (Diane) of Glen Carbon, Louis Lafikes (Christine) of Alton and Sam Lafikes (Kristine) of Rushville, IL, seven grandchildren, Christopher Lafikes, Jonathan Lafikes, Lisa Stark, Samantha Diaz, Stevie Harrison, Tony Lafikes and Nicky Lafikes, nine great grandchildren and one sister, Amanda Borkowicz of Park Forest, IL. and many nieces and nephews who she loved as well. She raised her three sons as a young widow providing a loving home, college educations and a moral direction in life. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grand children and great grandchildren. She always had advice and wisdom to share for any occasion. She was selfless when it came to the raising and care of her family and never once thought about her own needs. She was deeply loved by her

children and grandchildren and will always carry a special place in their hearts. She now will rest with her still born daughter, Rose Ann, whom she always remembered. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lotteo Balaco and Nicholas Bavis and one sister, Christina Gennaro. Visitation will be Tuesday, October 22, 2019 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where a memorial service will be Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Father Steven Janoski will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *JoVenna Lafikes Manns Price*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *JoVenna Lafikes Manns Price*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Ellen lit a candle in memory of JoVenna Lafikes Manns Price*



**Ellen** - October 25, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ *JoVenna was married to my Father In Law, JC Price, making her my Morher In Law! JoVenna was classy, smart, a sweet spirit! They stayed in our home several times for many wonderful visits. JoVenna loved my Mother and her homemade beets! She was so so good for JC, they had a special love for one another! I admired JoVenna and have thought of her a lot! I send my love and prayers to her Family. With deepest sympathy, Twyla Paul*



**Twyla Paul** - October 21, 2019 at 09:07 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of JoVenna Lafikes Manns Price.



October 21, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of JoVenna Lafikes Manns Price.



October 20, 2019 at 07:48 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of JoVenna Lafikes Manns Price.



October 20, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of JoVenna Lafikes Manns Price.



October 20, 2019 at 08:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of JoVenna Lafikes Manns Price.*



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October 19, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ *Jo was always a kind & loving soul. I had the privilege of working with her at AMHC. Such a great sense of humor, compassion & common sense all making her such a pleasure to know & work with. She will truly be missed by many.*

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**Mary Ann Baumgarden** - October 19, 2019 at 06:57 PM