



Madeline Marie Denecker

August 8, 1937 - November 19, 2025

RIGA- Madeline Marie Denecker, 88, of Riga Township, passed peacefully from this life surrounded by her children at 9:43 AM on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at Blissfield Place in Blissfield, MI. She was born on August 8, 1937, in Monroe, MI, to the late Jerome and Margaret (Delrue) Vandeveld. On October 19, 1957, she married George Denecker at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Monroe, MI. Together they built a life on their farm, raised a family, and were blessed with 65 years of marriage.

A devout Catholic, Madeline was a member of Light of Christ Catholic Church in Blissfield, MI. Her greatest joys were her children, her grandchildren, and her faith. She attended mass daily when she was able and was dedicated to praying the rosary. As a young woman, Madeline nurtured her children, supported George's work on the farm, and operated the family's fruit and vegetable stand. Throughout life, Madeline enjoyed the simple things: cooking for her family, playing cards, and taking the occasional trip to the casino. She will be remembered for her laughter, her smile, and for the power of her prayers.

Survivors include her children: Shirley A. (John Helberg) Judson of Waterville, OH; Larry G. (Celma) Denecker of Lynchburg, VA; Maurice J. (Jean) Denecker of Riga, MI; and Gregory J. (Christine) Denecker of Bluffton, OH. Madeline had six grandchildren: Donnie Judson, Melissa (Mitch) Petersen, Bryce Denecker, Claire Denecker, Gabe Denecker, and Luke Denecker. She was recently blessed with four bonus grandchildren: Fernanda Freitas,

Jennifer (Kade) Larew, Jessica Freitas, and Jasmine Freitas. Madeline is also survived by her sister, Patricia (Roger) Kidd; her sister-in-law, Laura Vandavelde; and many loving nieces and nephews including her great-niece, Jessica Vandavelde, who held a special place in her heart.

Madeline was preceded in death by her husband, George Denecker; an infant daughter, Therese Denecker; her siblings: Theresa Vandavelde, James Vandavelde, and Mary Jane Janssens; and her brother-in-law Richard Janssens.

The family would like to thank the staff at Blissfield Place for their kind, patient, and compassionate care of Madeline. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 11 AM at the Light of Christ Parish, St. Peter the Apostle Church in Blissfield with Fr. Jeffrey Poll as celebrant. Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday, November 24, from 3-7 PM at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel, Blissfield, with a rosary service at 7:00 PM.

Donations can be made to the Light of Christ Parish, Blissfield, MI. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Cemetery

9175 E. US 223
Blissfield, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)
301 S. Lane St.
Blissfield, MI 49228
(517) 486-2133
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Rosary

NOV **24**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Light of Christ Catholic Parish, St. Peter the Apostle Church
Blissfield, MI 49228

Tribute Wall

EH

“ Evelyn Hejl lit a candle in memory of Madeline Denecker



Evelyn Hejl - December 10, 2025 at 03:03 PM

DB

“ My sincere condolences to the family on the passing of Madeline. I know my mother had a special connection with her because of their common Belgium roots. Diane Burgermeister

Diane Burgermeister - November 25, 2025 at 05:05 PM

CB

“ Citizens National Bank purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.



Citizens National Bank - November 24, 2025 at 11:57 AM

RF

“ Roger and Patricia Kidd and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.



Roger and Patricia Kidd and family - November 23, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.*



November 22, 2025 at 11:58 PM



“ *Katelyn & Evan Schnabele purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.*



Katelyn & Evan Schnabele - November 22, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ *Joel Siefker and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.*



Joel Siefker and Family - November 22, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ *Charlie and Terrie Lee purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.*



Charlie and Terrie Lee - November 22, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy, we are very sorry for your loss. Please let our condolences known to your whole family. Jan Denecker en Veerle Van De Gucht, Knokke-Heist, Belgium*

Jan Denecker - November 22, 2025 at 02:34 AM



“ *Van Belle Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.*



Van Belle Family - November 21, 2025 at 10:12 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.*



November 21, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ *I will miss Great Aunt Madeline's yearly call to catch up with me around Christmas. Thinking of all of the Denecker Clan right now, but knowing she was welcomed with open arms up above to all those lost before her.*

Jamie Wiles - November 21, 2025 at 05:15 PM

JW

“ Shirley, Larry, Maurice and other kids I guess I didn't know. I was Janine Emerson. Larry was one of my classmates. Im sorry to hear of your mom's passing. God bless. I didn't know your dad passed. I lost my mom Ruby Emerson last December. Im thinking of you all

Janine (Emerson) Walters - November 21, 2025 at 11:43 AM

SM

“ Scott and Jill Mangas purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.



Scott and Jill Mangas - November 21, 2025 at 07:19 AM

DM

“ Doug and I so enjoyed your Mom, and your Dad. They were so interesting to listen to about their experiences with farming and Madeleine with moving here from the city. Madeline was so in tune with her relationship with the Lord and had a strong belief in prayer. Whether it be for a good year for the crops or for help with health issues. I have missed her at Light of Christ, St Peters and helping her with the lift at Church. All of the family are in our prayers and may God wrap you in his loving arms.
Doug and Alice Miller

Doug and Alice Miller - November 20, 2025 at 10:57 PM

JH

“ Julie Breitigam & Linda Huffman purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.



Julie Breitigam & Linda Huffman - November 20, 2025 at 10:18 PM

FR

“ We are so sorry to learn of Madeline’s death. She was a truly remarkable woman and will be missed by all who knew her. It was a privilege to have known her.
Frank & Donna Riley.

Frank & Donna Riley - November 20, 2025 at 09:46 PM

JF

“ Jim and Lisa Denecker and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.



Jim and Lisa Denecker and Family - November 20, 2025 at 08:52 PM

KE

“ Kim Lichtveld and Seth Ebersviller purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.



Kim Lichtveld and Seth Ebersviller - November 20, 2025 at 07:29 PM

AW

“ Ashley Alt and Chris Whiting purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.



Ashley Alt and Chris Whiting - November 20, 2025 at 06:23 PM

YF

“ Your University of Findlay Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.



Your University of Findlay Family - November 20, 2025 at 06:16 PM

RF

“ Roger and Kathy Fell purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Madeline Marie Denecker.



Roger and Kathy Fell - November 20, 2025 at 05:46 PM

KC

“ I am so sorry to learn of Madeline’s passing. I always enjoyed our phone calls and visits....she was such a gracious lady and friend. I am out of town for the holiday and will not be able to express my condolences in person....for that, I am very sorry. Please accept my deepest sympathy in your loss. All of you are in my prayers and in my heart during this time of great sadness. In love and with prayers.....Karen Coopshaw

Karen Coopshaw - November 20, 2025 at 03:09 PM