



Marlene Grobbel

December 2, 1938 - September 23, 2024

Marlene Loretta Grobbel died peacefully on September 23, 2024, at the age of 85 in the same home she raised her family in. She was surrounded by her loving husband, children, and grandchildren. Marlene is survived by her husband, Richard “Dick” Grobbel and siblings Carolee (Paul) Stewart, Pauline Davis, Beverly (Wayne) Nieman, and Ted Schoenherr. Dick & Marlene were married on June 10, 1961. They had four children; Greg Grobbel, Gary (Gloria) Grobbel, Gail (Jeff) Reilly, Gina (Dave) Mac, 9 grandchildren; Olivia, Brad, Rachel, Brooke, Julia, Sean, Natalie, Ava, Lana and 1 great grandchild; Levi. Predeceased by her parents, Paul & Viola Schoenherr and sister Patricia Schoenherr.

Marlene Loretta Grobbel was best known for her love of Jesus, the Blessed Mother, her family, and cows. Anyone who met her marveled at her quick wit. She was married to the love of her life, Dick, for 63 years. They epitomized the vocation of marriage and were a loving mother and father to their four children, affectionately referring to one another as “mom” and “dad” long after their children left the home. They enjoyed many hobbies together including square dancing and traveling in their fifth wheel to Needles, California to visit family and friends and later in life, their afternoon “happy hours” often spent together on the back patio looking out at their garden and apple trees.

Dick and Marlene also enjoyed volunteering together at their beloved parish, St. Anne's Catholic Church in Warren. Marlene held many roles at St. Anne's including Eucharistic Minister, money counter, and Lector. She was a long time member of Christian Mothers and held the role of garage sale coordinator during the Annual Sausage Festival for many years. Above all, Marlene faithfully attended Mass her entire life and recognized the true beauty of the Eucharist; with her daughter noting how captivated she was every Sunday during the consecration.

When Marlene wasn't volunteering, she enjoyed shuffling her papers, saving boxes, decorating for holidays, reading, watching old movies and making her signature apple pies. Marlene had the best sense of humor, almost always finding a way to make a joke, which often included her calling people by a name she made up for them and pretending to casually "smoke" cigarettes with nothing in her hand, though she never smoked a day in her life. Marlene delighted in her family and made the most of every moment with them. Her eyes lit up when she saw her children, grandchildren or great grandchild. Her grandchildren remember being greeted with a big hug and their term of endearment for the day (some of them, like "hamburger man", stuck), followed by a tour around the house and garage to see her new cow knick knacks and seasonal decor, most likely purchased at a garage sale. After almost every visit she would reflect on how much she loved her family and how blessed she felt. She had a way of making each one of her family members and friends feel like they were the most special person to her, even until her final days. Marlene is best summed up by the light that has always shown in her eyes, she was truly a light for all who had the gift of being in her presence.

In lieu of flowers the family would like a donation to be made to St. Jude

cancer research and or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 26. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Service

SEP 26. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Instate

SEP 27. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Anne Catholic Church
32000 Mound Rd
Warren, MI 48092

Funeral Mass

SEP **27**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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32000 Mound Rd
Warren, MI 48092

Tribute Wall

DE

“ Recognize that smile that's shared by all of her siblings & know where it came from - their mother , my godmother. Would like to our grand'ma' s partly responsible for our common sense of humor , kindness & warmth (will never forget Patty's warm hands) So sorry for our loss.

Deanna - October 23, 2024 at 05:41 PM

PF

“ I first met Marlene and Richard when they headed a Counting Team at St. Anne. She was a delightful person to work with (Richard as well). She ALWAYS had a smile and something nice to say to everybody, always made people feel included.

When I wanted to lector at St. Anne's, she was the one I went to, to find out what to do. She loved to joke, laugh, and serve the Lord and I could tell she was close to her family and that they loved her a lot. I did, too, she will be sorely missed! A truly great woman and spirit! God Bless You and Your Family, Marlene! It certainly was a pleasure to know you. Pat Dzieciolowski

Patricia Dzieciolowski, friend - October 11, 2024 at 01:23 AM

PA

“ Philip A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Grobbel.

Philip A. - September 26, 2024 at 02:59 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlene Grobbel.



September 26, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ Darlene R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Grobbel.

Darlene R. - September 25, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ The Blakes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Marlene Grobbel.



The Blakes - September 25, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ The Blakes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Grobbel.

The Blakes - September 25, 2024 at 04:08 PM

SM

“ Sincerely, Brian & Rosalie Mondello purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Marlene Grobbel.



Sincerely, Brian & Rosalie Mondello - September 25, 2024 at 01:52 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray* was purchased for the family of Marlene Grobbel.



September 25, 2024 at 12:47 PM

MP

“ *Met Marlene at St Anne's Church at Mass. She was so kind and always stopped to say a word or two before Mass. I will miss her, but know she is in a much better place now in God's Hands. No more pain just forever peace and love back home in Heaven! May God also comfort her husband Richard and family!*

Madeline Petrylak - September 25, 2024 at 11:19 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Marlene Grobbel.



September 25, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Marlene Grobbel.*



September 24, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“ *Brent B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Grobbel.*

Brent B. - September 24, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“ *Emilee & Brannon New purchased the Deepest Faith for the family of Marlene Grobbel.*



Emilee & Brannon New - September 24, 2024 at 04:58 PM