



Valerie "Val" Ogier

November 19, 1941 - February 16, 2026

Valerie "Val" Ogier, a beloved matriarch and vibrant spirit, passed away peacefully on February 16, 2026 at the age of 84. Born on November 19, 1941, Val led a life rich with accomplishment, compassion, and love that left an indelible mark on all who had the fortune of knowing her.

Val's life was a beautiful tapestry woven with love for her family and friends. She cherished her husband, Charles Ogier, with whom she shared almost 50 years of marriage. Their bond was one of mutual admiration and unwavering support, a partnership that stood as a testament to enduring love. Together, they built a life filled with laughter, warm memories, and a family that flourished under their guidance.

Val is survived by her son, John Ogier, and two daughters, Yvonne (Chris) Jordan and Dawn (David) Lyons. Val took great pride in her family, and her legacy continues through her grandchildren Abigail Grant, Benjamin Jordan, Bryan Jordan, and Allison Grant, as well as her step-grandchildren Blake, Janelle and Cooper Lyons. She was affectionately known as "Ama."

In addition to her children and grandchildren, Val is survived by her brother, John (Debra) Pokorski; her nieces Jennifer (Matthew) Carey, Colleen (Steven) Mance, Kathleen (Matthew) Andres, and Beth (Jeremiah) Ellis; her nephews Jeffery (Marianne) Groth, Michael (Anne) Sullivan, Thad Pokorski, and Scott (Nichol) Pokorski; her grandnieces Gwen Solis, Olivia Pokorski, Harper Ellis

and Ella Sullivan; and her grandnephews Noah Ellis, Ryan Sullivan, Paxton Carey, Wyatt Ellis, Donovan Andres and Asher Pokorski.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; her loving parents, Thaddeus and Hattie Pokorski; and her siblings Martha (Michael) Sullivan and Melaine (James) Groth.

Valerie spent her life involved with many groups and organizations, including the Daughters of Isabella, the ADK, the Memorial Day Parade Committee, and OPRAH. In 1999, Chuck and Val became certified facilitators for Low Vision Support and co-founded the Shelby Low Vision Support Group, continuing their commitment to helping others.

She graduated from Nativity High School in 1959 and went on to attend the University of Detroit before it had “Mercy”. She graduated from the University of Detroit in 1963 with a bachelor’s in philosophy. She received a Master of Arts (Education) from the University of Michigan in 1968. She loved to tell people that she was the only person she knew who graduated without taking a math class.

Val began substitute teaching with Warren Consolidated Schools and soon became a dynamic classroom teacher. She started at Frost, moved to Wilde when Frost closed, and ended her career at Carter Middle School. She taught all grade levels from first through sixth. She retired from WCS in 1998.

Not quite ready to hang up her hat, Val went on to work at Oakland University, where she helped guide a new generation of teachers on their path to graduation.

Val lived in Shelby Township on Lake Tiara for 30 years before moving to Pomeroy Assisted Living in Sterling Heights in 2024.

As we remember Val, let us carry forward her spirit of creativity, generosity, and humor, cherishing every moment and preserving the love she so freely

gave. She may have left this world, but her legacy lives on in the hearts of those she touched.

Please share a memory with the family on Val's obituary guestbook.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Val's memory may be directed to Accent Care Hospice, Multiple Sclerosis Association, ALS of Michigan, Leader Dog for the Blind or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 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

Instate

FEB **25**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ Val was a great friend. We played cards together weekly for years. Val was a great story teller. She was also caring and generous. When my daughter wss collecting bottles and cans to raise money for her service dog Val gave us many on several occasions. We will miss her



Mary Jo Schuster - February 25 at 10:48 AM

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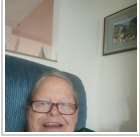
“ She was my third & fourth grade teacher and I truly loved her. She invited our entire class to her wedding she was a beautiful bride. She taught me the gift of loving to read by the way she read to us. She made learning fun. Years later she was our daughter's first grade teacher at a critical time in her young life. Thankful she was there for our family. She was one in a million. God bless her beautiful soul she had a lasting impact on so many of us. Our deepest condolences to her family. Kim & Jennifer Ouellette

Kim Ouellette - February 25 at 01:57 AM

PB

“ I had the privilege of having Mrs. Ogier as my fifth grade teacher. It was a 5th/6th split class and she made it one of the best years! She was sweet, fun and tough at times. But she was always understanding and knew what was best for us. I'll never forget the lessons she taught us and the kindness that has been with me through adulthood. She will live on in our hearts. ❤️

Patty Findlay Barker - February 24 at 07:31 PM



“ *She was my daughter's teacher at wilde elementary school. I remember she would go see every student in after school activity's. She came to a Polish mass at Queen of Heaven Church that my daughter was in. I think she also came to her Polish Dance recital. She was an amazing teacher*

Helen Katch Halatsis - February 24 at 10:01 AM



“ *Mrs. Ogier left a lasting impression on me that has stayed with me well into adulthood. During the 1979–80 school year, just as I was turning 10 years old, I was placed in the 5th/6th grade split class with her. She was larger than life—loving, strong, and tough when you needed her to be.*

Being in a split class with students nearly two years older than I was not easy, especially at just 54 pounds. I was small, shy, meek, and lacked self-confidence. Yet she always seemed to see beyond that. I often felt she knew my deepest struggles—my anxiety, the challenges in my home life. She pushed me outside my comfort zone, but she was always there with a much-needed hug, too.

Her voice stayed with me through some of life's most difficult journeys. I'm not sure I would have the strength I carry today if she hadn't helped instill it in me during such an impressionable time in my childhood.

Rest in peace, Mrs. Ogier. Thank you.

Nanette Parker - February 24 at 08:03 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Valerie "Val" Ogier.*

February 24 at 07:17 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Valerie "Val" Ogier.*



February 24 at 07:17 AM



“ *I loved Mrs Ogier. She was my elementary school teacher and I can still hear her voice. She loved black and white color combinations, her bright red lipstick. She taught me about Hellen Keller and I recall a class project where we were to imagine going on a tropical vacation where we all got to individually plan out what we'd wear and where wed go. She was always my favorite at Carter - Circa 1992. She made learning so fun. Rest in Peace and prayers to her family.*

Katie Nahas-Hodges - February 24 at 06:49 AM



“ *Steve & Mary Jo Koschay purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Valerie "Val" Ogier.*



Steve & Mary Jo Koschay - February 23 at 04:22 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Valerie "Val" Ogier.*



February 22 at 05:23 PM



“ *Valerie, so happy to have known you and calling you a friend. We shared many fun times laughing and playing cards together especially in Harbor Springs. My heart aches for your families loss. My deepest sympathy to John, Yvonne and Dawn. Eternal rest my friend.*

Nan

Nan Small - February 22 at 12:15 PM



“ *Valerie --- my card playing buddy -- cousin -- good friend -- made me laugh over and over --had many many stories to share --you did such a wonderful job taking care of Chuck -- I know you adored your children and your grandchildren -- back in the day you were always "out and about" -- made me tired just listening to your active schedule -- a life well and fully lived -- you will be greatly missed.*
Judy

Judy Yoskovich - February 20 at 03:09 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Valerie "Val" Ogier.*



February 20 at 09:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Valerie "Val" Ogier.

February 20 at 09:34 AM



“ *Valerie, I admired your wit and wisdom. We were also proud of our Polish heritage. I called you Valercia and you called me Janina. You will be forever in my heart and memories. Sincere condolences to your family.*

Jane Matin - February 18 at 10:22 PM