



## Carolyn Mae DeDecker

May 24, 1921 - July 22, 2016

NORWAY- Carolyn Mae DeDecker age 95 of Norway, died Friday, July 22, 2016 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain, MI.

She was born on May 24, 1921 in Norway, the daughter of the late Frank and Mary (Banchi) Benzie.

Carolyn graduated from Norway High School in 1938.

She married Robert J. DeDecker on September 8, 1939 in Iron Mountain. He preceded her in death on May 24, 2000.

Carolyn and Bob owned and operated Bob's Market and King Koin Launderette in Norway.

She was a member of St. Mary's Church, Oak Crest Golf Course, Jake Menghini Historical Museum, Loyal Order of Moose and was on the First Holy Spirit School Board.

Carolyn enjoyed volunteering at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center, St. Vincent DePaul and the Jake Menghini Historical Museum. She did respite care for Hospice. She won the Women of the Year award and was part of Big Brothers/Big Sisters program for 4 years.

Carolyn is survived by her son Peter (Barbara) DeDecker of Hastings; daughter Joanne (Peter) Lundy of Green Bay, WI; grandchildren David (Laurie) DeDecker of Hastings, Daniel (Leah) DeDecker of Minnetonka, MN, Carrie Lundy of Green Bay, WI, Stephanie (Patrick) Christie of Green Bay, WI and Melanie Carrigan of Green Bay, WI; 8 great grandchildren; brothers Wallace Benzie of Davidson and Kenneth Benzie of Hamilton Lakes; many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and brother Warren Benzie.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 29 from 5-8 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, July 30 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Norway, with Fr. Raymond Valerio officiating.

Interment will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home  
618 Norway Street  
P.O. Box 155  
Norway, MI 49870  
(906) 563-5700  
ortmanfuneralhome@norwaymi.com  
<https://www.ortmanfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL **30**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Church  
401 Main Street  
Norway, MI 49870

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ To the family of Caroleen, my sympathy to you all. What a wonderful Lady. My earliest memories was visiting Caroleen and Bob's cottage with Kristy and getting treats from Caroleen. I will carry life long memories of Caroleen and Bob. A beautiful person and a beautiful life. Jim Pardon

Jim Pardon - August 01, 2016 at 03:12 PM

PA

“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your Mother. Her charisma and energy were ever present and she was as beautiful on the inside and she was on the outside. Her visits to our Mom were always the highlight of her day. Many blessings to each of you. Our love and prayers are with you. Perianne, Rich and Pat (the children of Stella Pellegrini).

Patricia Asp - July 29, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carolyn Mae DeDecker.



July 28, 2016 at 05:43 PM

BH

“ I was sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was such a nice lady and a great role model of growing older gracefully, keeping active and showing kindness until the end. My mother will certainly miss her at Evergreen. Prayers for all of you in the coming days.

Beth Henrion - July 28, 2016 at 09:30 AM

SL

“*“Caroleen” was such a good friend to my parents (not to mention my Aunty LaVerne) and to everyone in Norway, for that matter - a true “lady” in every respect. She was always so cheery and interested in all of us and just wonderful to visit with. I loved her “style” and how she took care of herself - never looking her age and staying involved in activities and events far longer than most. I will miss seeing her up in the choir loft and miss her stories of the good times at the “lakes” in years past. She lived a wonderful life of service and will be justly rewarded. God Bless you all as you say goodbye to a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was a gem.*”



---

**Sheri Lardenoit LeBombard** - July 27, 2016 at 12:41 PM

CS

“*To Carolyn's Family - She was the classiest woman in Norway who had a big heart and was kind and thoughtful to others. She visited my Mother while she was in Manor Care. My deepest sympathy. May God bless you.*”

---

**Carol Socha** - July 27, 2016 at 10:54 AM

MP

“*Sorry for your loss. Carolyn was a wonderful lady. She often visited my dad, Jake Menghini, after my mother passed away. She was so kind and thoughtful.*”

---

**Mary Menghini Petska** - July 26, 2016 at 07:25 PM