



## Catherine "Kate" Marie Stencel

February 10, 1924 - November 12, 2019

Catherine (Kate) Marie Stencel, age 95, passed away peacefully November 12, 2019 surrounded by family members at Lakeshore Woods in Fort Gratiot, MI. She was born on February 10, 1924 in Croswell, Michigan, to the late Peter and Catherine (Mittler) Degel. She was the seventh of eight children who preceded her in death. She married the love of her life, Jacob (Jake) Stanley Stencel on April 29, 1944 who preceded her in death on February 9, 2013.

She lived in Croswell her entire life graduating from Croswell High School in 1942 as the Salutatorian. After high school Catherine worked as a secretary at the Croswell Milling Company, where she met Jake.

Catherine was a devoted wife and loving mother who wore many hats including managing the family dairy farm while raising seven children. She will be remembered for her kindness, patience and compassion for people. She loved having family visit and always had a story to share. She always had a beaming smile on her face when surrounded by her grandchildren. She was a lifetime member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Croswell, Michigan. She was a member of the League of Catholic Women and a member of the Altar Society serving on many committees and always volunteering her time to help others. She was a member of the zoning board for Buel Township and enjoyed many years serving as an election poll worker.

Catherine is survived by her seven children, Kathleen (Alan) LaRose of Fremont California, JoAnn (Don) Jablonski of Vassar, Jacob (Marylou) Stencel

of Warren, Mark (Kim) Stencel of Croswell, Steven (Peggy) Stencel of Lexington, Mary (Dan) Unger of St. Clair, Christine (David, preceded) Miller of Brighton. She is survived by 17 grandchildren: Jacob (Margaret), Candius (Christopher), Renee (Christopher), Gregory, Nick (Beth), Jeff (Becky), Nathan, Meghan (David), Keegan, Logan, Jacklyn (James). Steven, Nicole, Jennifer, Bryan, Matthew, and Bradley. She is also survived by 13 great-grandchildren: Sammy, David, Alexis, Jonathon, Jacob, Alivia, Jackson, Hazel, Charlie, John Luke, Emily, Peter, James. She is also survived by sister-in-law Shirley (George, preceded) Stencel and many nieces and nephews, in particular Alta Marie and Anna Lee who were very helpful to her in her latter years. A special thanks to the compassionate care she received by the staff at Lakeshore Woods especially to Angela who comforted her in her final days. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Sunday November 17, at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Croswell. A Vigil Service will be held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday November 18, at Ave Marie formerly St. Dennis Catholic Church in Lexington with visiting at the church from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.. Fr. Donald Eppenbrock will officiate. Interment will follow in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Croswell. Memorials in memory of Kate may be made to the Parkinsons Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association. [www.pomeroyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.pomeroyfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Cemetery

Black River Rd.  
Croswell, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Croswell  
6 S. Howard Ave.  
Croswell, MI 48422  
(810) 679-9800  
[pomeroyfuneralhomes@gmail.com](mailto:pomeroyfuneralhomes@gmail.com)  
<https://pomeroyfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Denis Catholic Church  
5366 Main St.  
Lexington, MI 48450  
(810) 359-5400  
<http://www.avemariaparishmi.com>

## Service

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NOV **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Denis Catholic Church

5366 Main St.

Lexington, MI 48450

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pomeroy Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine "Kate" Marie Stencel*



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**Pomeroy Funeral Home** - November 16, 2019 at 09:51 AM

SG

“ *To the Stencel family my deepest sympathy. I met Catherine a short time ago when I visited her at Lakeshore Adult Care, I felt like I had known her for years. I visited her a few times to bring her Communion and she was always so grateful. P.J and her husband Bernard brought her Communion on Sundays and they also enjoyed Catherine as much as I did. She is missed very much and she was an inspiration to me. May the angels welcome her in paradise, may she Rest In Peace.*

*Sefora M Gillies*

*Ave Maria Parish - Homebound Ministry*

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**Sefora M Gillies** - November 17, 2019 at 10:50 PM

FE

“ My sympathy and prayers to the Stencil Family in the loss of their matriarch Kate Stencil. Kate was a staunch parishioner of St. Patrick Parish in Croswell all her life. After St. Patrick closed she became a member of Ave Maria/St. Denis Parish in Lexington. I pray and say as we have been doing now for centuries: "Eternal rest give to her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on her. May she rest in peace! May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."

Sincerely,

Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock, RC-Priest

Peach Tree Condo - 5778 Main St., Lexington, MI 48450

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Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock - November 17, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Catherine "Kate" Marie Stencil.



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November 16, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Catherine "Kate" Marie Stencil.



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November 16, 2019 at 09:56 AM

VE

“ Jake, so very sorry for your loss. I think of you often. Take care.  
Vicki (Tenbusch) Ebner

Vicki (Tenbusch) Ebner - November 15, 2019 at 05:43 PM

SS

“ To the Family of Mrs. Stencel:

So very sorry for your loss of your Mother. My prayers is that you all will find peace and comfort through the Holiday's.

From, Sharon Gardner Smerer



Sharon Gardner Smerer - November 15, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine "Kate" Marie Stencel.



November 15, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ Cheryl's Classic Treats Box was purchased for the family of Catherine "Kate" Marie Stencel.



November 15, 2019 at 01:18 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Catherine "Kate" Marie Stencel.



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November 15, 2019 at 01:06 AM



“ Dear Stencel Family, I am so sorry for you loss. I will always remember the times when your mother and my mother (Lila) got together and would chat for hours. Your mother was a lovely lady and your memories of all the loving times will be with you during this hard time. May God Bless you!

With Sympathy,

Debbie Makarewicz Roberts

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Deb Roberts - November 14, 2019 at 06:24 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Catherine "Kate" Marie Stencel.



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November 14, 2019 at 02:20 PM