



## Peggy A. Stencel

October 7, 1956 - March 26, 2023

LEXINGTON- Margaret “Peggy” Stencel, age 66, of Lexington passed away peacefully on March 26, 2023 surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with ALS. She was born in Detroit, MI on October 7, 1956 to the late Joseph and Patricia Rzepka and was the fifth of eight children. She married the love of her life, Steve Stencel, on March 11, 1989.

Peggy graduated from Thurston High School in 1974. She was an active student, basketball player, cheerleader, majorette, student council member, and Daughter of the American Revolution. She earned an associate’s degree from St. Clair County Community College in legal secretarial science in 1977. After college, Peggy moved to Sarasota, FL with her sister Kathy, where she made numerous life-long friends and worked as a legal secretary, bartender, and yacht closing coordinator.

Peggy moved back to Michigan in 1986 after falling in love with her future husband Steve. Steve and Peggy had fun wherever they went. From taking motorcycle trips across the country to exploring local watering holes, there was never a dull moment. They eventually settled in Troy, MI and embarked on their greatest adventure in 1990 when they had their first child, Jaclyn. Over the next five years, the chaos continued as they welcomed three more children - Steven, Nicole, and Jennifer. Peggy’s kids were her pride and joy. She spent countless hours supporting them at their extracurricular activities, helping them with schoolwork, and traveling to all of their sporting events. She was proud of their many college endeavors and loved visiting them on

campus. Peggy's heart grew even bigger when she welcomed her granddaughter Brooklyn Kate in May 2021. She loved every minute of being her "Mamo."

Peggy was an entrepreneur at heart. She and Steve purchased the Country Orchard in Croswell, MI in 1994. They enjoyed running their own business and serving the Cros-Lex community. Peggy found her true passion, however, when she took over the Rzepka family business in 1998 – the Lakeside A&W. Over the next 25 years, Peggy poured her heart and soul into the restaurant, employing countless family and community members. She was a mentor to all of her employees, teaching them the value of hard work and encouraging them to excel in all aspects of their lives. She loved hosting events for the community, including cruise nights, car shows, and tractor shows. Peggy was proud to carry on her family's legacy, and her impact was felt by many.

In addition to owning the A&W, Peggy and Steve purchased the Lighthouse Creamery in 2015. Peggy juggled managing both businesses with ease, and she always had a smile on her face as she was serving customers. Through all of her work in Lexington, Peggy became a pillar of the community. She orchestrated countless car and tractor shows at the A&W, served as the Grand Marshal in the Fourth of July parade in 2019, sponsored numerous Cros-Lex athletic teams, and was involved in organizations such as the Lexington Business Association (former President), the Downtown District Authority, and the Black River Antique Power Tractor Club. Her service to the community will be fondly remembered.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Patricia Rzepka, her brother John Rzepka, and her aunt Bernice Zygiel. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Steve; her four children: Jaclyn (James) Andrzejewski, Steven, Nicole, and Jennifer; and her grandchildren: Brooklyn Kate and Baby Boy Andrzejewski (due June 2023). She is survived also by her loving siblings: Janet Rzepka, Joseph (CC) Rzepka, Kathy (Dan) VanLacken, Judy Gaw, Sue (Steve) Bombard, and Patti (Cam) Comire; and numerous nieces and nephews who adored her. Peggy will be greatly missed by the many

people who loved her and the community members whose lives she touched. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2023, from 2-8 P.M. at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Lexington. Rosary Devotions will be held at 7:30 P.M. Thursday evening. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 A.M. on Friday, March 31, 2023 at the Ave Maria Parish-St. Denis Catholic Church in Lexington, with visiting at the church from 9-10 A.M. Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock will officiate. Interment will follow in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Crosswell. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family. A scholarship fund will be established in Peggy's honor.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Cemetery

Black River Rd.  
Croswell, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 30.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Lexington  
5635 Main St.  
Lexington, MI 48450  
(810) 359-7700  
[pomeroyfuneralhomes@gmail.com](mailto:pomeroyfuneralhomes@gmail.com)  
<https://pomeroyfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

**MAR 31.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

## Church Service

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**MAR 31.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Denis Catholic Church

5366 Main St.

Lexington, MI 48450

(810) 359-5400

<http://www.avemariaparishmi.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pomeroy Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Peggy A. Stencel*



**Pomeroy Funeral Home** - March 29, 2023 at 02:44 PM

AW

*I knew Peggy in Sarasota, Florida. We were co-workers and friends. I thought of her from time-to-time, and this time I decided to see if I could find her.*

*While I'm so saddened to learn of her early death, I can see she had a fantastic life full of love, which she so deserved.*

*I also remember her sister, Kathy fondly, though I didn't know her as well.*

*I hope Peggy's family is doing well.*

*Love,*

*Andrea (Andy) Wood*

*andygayle500@gmail.com*

**Andrea Wood** - June 30, 2025 at 07:10 PM

MS

“ *Michigan Medicine, Pharmacy Services purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



**Michigan Medicine, Pharmacy Services** - April 14, 2023 at 09:53 AM

HV

“Peggy was an amazing woman and teacher. As a young employee of A&W I only got to know her for the last year and in that time she changed my working experience. I spent countless summer afternoons with her at cruise nights and dressing up as the bear and getting pictures with her. She taught me so much about running cruise night and I will miss her greatly. I am so sorry to hear she has passed but just know that she has left an impact on our hearts and A&W will always hold a place for her! Rest In Peace.

Hailey V - April 09, 2023 at 08:03 AM

DM

“Our hearts are broken for the loss of this special lady❤️🙏 she was an amazing asset to our community and will always be missed and remembered as a big part of Lexington...Rest in peace beautiful lady....And may God Bless and watch over all her family and help them through this terrible loss❤️ Love Dan and Nadine❤️

Dan and Nadine Maliniak - April 02, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



March 30, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



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March 30, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Brian Smith and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



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**Brian Smith and Family** - March 30, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



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March 30, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



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March 30, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 30, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 30, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ *Plant Operations at Henry Ford Hospital purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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**Plant Operations at Henry Ford Hospital** - March 30, 2023 at 09:09 AM



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March 30, 2023 at 08:41 AM



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March 29, 2023 at 08:48 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 29, 2023 at 08:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 29, 2023 at 04:07 PM

TS

“ Peggy was a great supporter of the community, including hosting live music at the A&W and supporting the Thumbfest music festival every year. She was easy to work with and always outgoing and friendly and eager to pitch in. Thanks for all the happy occasions you helped create for everyone, Peggy.

Tom Schlichting - March 29, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



March 29, 2023 at 12:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



March 29, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



March 29, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 29, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 28, 2023 at 11:52 PM



“ *Much Love, Your IPP Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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**Much Love, Your IPP Family** - March 28, 2023 at 09:41 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 28, 2023 at 08:29 PM

BR

“ *The earth has lost an amazing light, and heaven has gained a powerful angel...*

**Brett** - March 28, 2023 at 06:05 PM

BR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Brett** - March 28, 2023 at 06:04 PM

SK

“ *I am so very sorry for ur loss. I loved Peggy. We use to exercise together and she was like the energizer bunny. She never stopped always on the go. U have missed her the last year or so. I use to run into her every now and then and we would talk but I did run into her this past summer and we talked ( tryex to) at the festival. She looked as beautiful as ever. She will surly be missed.*

**Sandy Kosztowny** - March 28, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencil.*



March 28, 2023 at 05:11 PM

DC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Donna & Ron Coulter** - March 28, 2023 at 05:09 PM

DC

*We only got to know Peggy in the last four years during the Car Cruises and Shows but she was definitely one of the Best !!! Our sincere condolences to the family.*

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**Donna & Ron Coulter** - March 28, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencil.*



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March 28, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencil.*



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March 28, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



March 28, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



March 28, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



March 28, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



March 28, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 28, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to for your loss! Our love & admiration is beyond words. We all agree that Peggy will be so deeply missed by so many. Prayers to you & your family. XOXO John, Kim & the Stencel families.*



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**Kim Stencel** - March 28, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 28, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ *The Tondera Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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**The Tondera Family** - March 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



March 28, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



March 28, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray* was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.



March 28, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss Steve. Prayers for Comfort to your family 🙏❤️🕯️



**Monica & Terry Jessip** - March 28, 2023 at 12:52 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 27, 2023 at 10:36 PM



“ *She always asked me how I was doing and how my family was doing and I kind of thought that she was like a mom that always spoke her mind.*



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**Kate Bernacki** - March 27, 2023 at 09:40 PM



“ *Farewell my dear sister! I am forever grateful for you always being there for me. Holding my hand walking through the field singing “My Favorite Things” as we made our way to Lexington Market to buy lettuce and tomatoes for the A &W and candy for me. Encouraging me to finish my degree, showing up to my graduation. Making me your first borns Godmother. Taking time out of your busy life to attend all of my daughters sacraments (your Goddaughter) from Phoenix to Dallas to Charleston. Most of all, for inspiring my own faith journey. I am happy for you but am selfishly going to miss you! Forever in my heart, Patti*

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**Patti Comire** - March 27, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 27, 2023 at 09:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 27, 2023 at 09:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 27, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 27, 2023 at 08:06 PM

NP

“ *A&W will never be the same! Your happy attitude and shining light will always be remembered. May God hold your family tight, we will be praying for all.*

*Ortonville A&W  
Nikki*

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**Nicole Perris** - March 27, 2023 at 07:42 PM

MB

“ *Peggy, Dear Peggy! What a legacy you have left behind. Your loving Husband, Your beautiful children, your Grandbabies, Your siblings, John, Janet, Kathy, Judy, Susie and Pattie, Your countless friends in Lexington and Troy. You did it all girl, you did it to the max and we would not have had it any other way. You will be missed and never forgotten. God certainly had the gates open with trumpets blowing, to allow this beautiful angel into the Kingdom of Heaven. I love you sweet lady and, in some way, I hope I was your favorite Uncle Mike!*

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**Mike Burns** - March 27, 2023 at 07:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



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March 27, 2023 at 06:17 PM

BT

“ *To the Stencil Family,*

*We will all grieve individually for the loss of Peggy as she touched us each in so many different ways.*

*We will all miss Peggy collectively as she was so very special to us all.*

*We will honor Peggy the same as she always treated us with her loving respect.*

*She was truly one of a kind and will be remembered for generations to come.*

*Until we meet again with our love till then. Ben and Gail*

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**Ben Taliaferro** - March 27, 2023 at 05:11 PM

LS

“ *Linda Sheridan lit a candle in memory of Peggy A. Stencil*



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**Linda Sheridan** - March 27, 2023 at 05:10 PM

SB

“ *Peggy was my birthday buddy, my neighbor, my friend and my inspiration. The years spent with the Stencil family on Trinway were full of wonderful memories and milestones. Never ending energy and positivity is the legacy and lesson that Peggy leaves all of us with. She faced her illness with same attitude. Everyone who knew her was blessed!*

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**Sue Brown** - March 27, 2023 at 04:40 PM

MO

“ Steve and family, please accept our condolences at the loss of such a wonderful person. Our memories of Peggy will be forever. We regret that we will be unable to attend the visitation or service as Pam is getting her third of four Chemotherapy treatments for breast cancer on Thursday afternoon at Karmano's in Detroit. Sadly, Moose and Pam

Moose - March 27, 2023 at 04:24 PM

EB

“ So sorry to hear about Peggy's passing. She was one of the bravest and most positive people we have ever known. I hope you can find solace in knowing that she is finally at peace. We will miss her chocolate chip cookies. Even with the recipe we can't make them like her. We're sorry we can't come to the visitation or funeral but we will be in Texas meeting our new granddaughter. Our heartfelt sympathy to the entire family. Ed & Pat Brooks

Ed and Pat Brooks - March 27, 2023 at 03:21 PM

CW

“ Peggy and I have been dear friends for many years. We were on the LBA board for over 7 years together. I will miss our dinners together and her great laugh 💔

Carol Watson - March 27, 2023 at 03:00 PM



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March 27, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy A. Stencel.*



March 27, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ *Thinking of Peggy and what a wonderful woman she was. Prayers for the whole family and work family . Love and hugs Bob and Carrie Anderson*

**carrie Anderson** - March 27, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ *We have just lost another asset to this lexington community. Peggy worked hard and always had a smile in her eyes and on her face. She lived life to the fullness. I will miss her.. my heart goes out to Peggy and her whole family, and to all she touched..*

**Roger Blume** - March 27, 2023 at 01:39 PM



*My deepest sympathy to the Stencil Family. Seeing Steve and Peggy in church every Sunday, to the very end, has been the biggest inspiration to me. What a huge testimony of faith, love and devotion to God and to each other. May the Lord comfort Steve at this time of sorrow. May the angels welcome Peggy in paradise and may she rest in peace.*  
*Sefora Gillies*  
*Ave Maria Parish, Lexington*

**Sefora Gillies** - March 28, 2023 at 10:11 PM