



Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka)

January 17, 1953 - August 21, 2021

Denise “Niece” Michelle Brady (Lauka)
Saginaw Twp., Michigan

Our mother, grandmother, sister and friend was placed into the loving arms of our Lord and Savior on Saturday, August 21, 2021, after a lengthy battle with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. Niece was 68 years old. She was born on January 17, 1953, in Pontiac, Michigan to the late Raymond Lyle and Genevieve (Winieckie) Brady. She is survived by her children Raymond Brady Lauka, Jeshua (Annie) Lauka, Justin (Bri) Lauka, Tanner (Jill) Lauka, and Genevieve (Brandon Wakeman) Lauka; her grandchildren, Isaiah, Nolan, Tate, Elsa, Donovan, Levi, Gabe, Alvey, and Emilia; her brothers, Rick (Barb) Brady and Danford Brady, sister Mona (Dave Saltmarsh) Lamping, and sister-in-law Jean Brady, her loving partner and friend, Robert Lauka; many, many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Denise was predeceased by her parents, her brother, Donald James Brady, and her close aunts, Linnie Kolinski and Iris Pawlick.

Denise lived a life that was firmly grounded in her faith, family, and friends. Warm and hospitable by nature, Denise loved to meet new people: learning about their lives, their family, and interests. She is one of the rare individuals that listened more than they spoke during conversations. Her kind, gentle, and authentic presence put even the most apprehensive guest at ease. Never one

to brag, she would only do so when it came to her family to whom she was immensely proud of. A talented cook, visitors would leave her home with a full stomach and a deep sense of feeling valued.

Denise enjoyed volunteering at the City Rescue Mission in Saginaw and other church outreach events, where she cared for children and families. She loved nature and animals, always filling her home with various pets that gravitated to her warm and comforting presence. Denise was an understated poet, having written many poems throughout her life, often centered on people, relationships, and love. Scarcely was the smallest letter or birthday card written that did not reflect a significant amount of forethought, consideration, and love.

An unwavering Christian, Denise exemplified service to others and instilled these values into her children. She was buoyed by her faith, having complete confidence in the new home awaiting her for all eternity. She will be deeply missed by all.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Markie, Katie, Bill and Diane and the rest of the staff at Cardinal Hospice as well as Pastor Lon for their gentle loving care of their beloved Niece.

Denise's family will host a visitation on Friday, August 27, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., held at Wakeman Funeral Home, 1218 North Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan.

In accordance with Denise's wishes, cremation will then follow. A public memorial service will be held at Saginaw First Assembly of God, 4570 Mackinaw Rd, Saginaw, MI 48603, on Friday, September 3, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Lon Cook will officiate. A private burial and luncheon for immediate family will follow the service. Those wishing to express their

sympathies may consider contributions to Saginaw First Assembly of God, Cardinal Hospice, or the Saginaw County Humane Society.

Memories and sympathies of Denise may be shared with the family on her memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
1218 N. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602
(989) 752-8531
wakemanfh@charter.net

Celebration of Life

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saginaw First Assembly of God
4570 Mackinaw
Saginaw, MI 48603
office@saginawfirst.church

Tribute Wall



“ *Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka)*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka)*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka).*



September 02, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Pamela Cowgill purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka).*



Pamela Cowgill - August 30, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka).*



August 27, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *A LETTER TO MY SISTER DENISE To my super sweet friend Denise, I remember the first time we met, we were young, full of love for life and adventures, it was 1965 ,you were so beautiful.And one thing that stands out to me is how kind and generous and thoughtful you where.,I keep thinking back to those days and all I can see is your smile.I prayed for a miracle for you and Brenda I never thought it happened but Both of you precious ladies are not suffering anymore so maybe my prayers were heard I love you Denise I will see you again. MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO ALL OF DENISE'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS LOVE LOVE LOVE*

William Clark - August 26, 2021 at 08:39 PM



Thanks Uncle Bill for the beautiful letter to my mom. She always had only wonderful things to say about you. Love you.

Justin

justinlauka - August 27, 2021 at 10:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka).*



August 26, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka).



August 25, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka).



August 25, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka).



August 24, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka).



August 24, 2021 at 01:12 PM

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“ My niece, Denise and I talked almost daily for the past year. Her cheerful attitude and witness to the Lord’s goodness we’re very encouraging. I loved her so. She will be missed. Arlene Mossner

Arlene Mossner - August 24, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka).



August 24, 2021 at 08:01 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka).



August 23, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka).



August 23, 2021 at 04:45 PM

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“ Consumers Energy Bay Central Gas Service purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka).



Consumers Energy Bay Central Gas Service - August 23, 2021 at 08:59 AM

JR

“ Denise’s faith was a most beautiful of her many positive attributes. Her sure hope in her faithful Father God was so lovely and encouraging to witness. Whether she was feeling good or in much pain, she spoke of God’s goodness toward her.

I am thankful for all the love and care that was lavished on her by family and friends. She is home in Jesus’ arms. No more pain.

Cousin Jennifer Rosenbaum

Jennifer Rosenbaum - August 23, 2021 at 08:47 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Michelle Brady (Lauka).



August 22, 2021 at 11:26 PM

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“Denise was a wonderful neighbor and friend. She dearly loved all God’s creatures and many wild ones arrived at her back door daily. She had a beautiful smile and enjoyed a good laugh. Denise will be greatly missed. -Susie and Tom Call

Susan - August 22, 2021 at 09:21 PM