



## Roberta Kay Decke

December 3, 1942 - January 10, 2021

Roberta "Bobbie" Kay Decke went to be with the Lord on January 10, 2021 surrounded by her loving family after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. Bobbie was born December 3, 1942 in Lansing, Michigan to the late James W. Munsel Sr and Dessalee G. (Dingman) Munsel Hudson. Bobbie placed her faith and trust in Jesus as her Savior as a young child. She met Brian Decke in high school at a community dance. She later graduated from Sexton High School class of 1960 and went on to Michigan State University where she completed 3 years of nursing school. Bobbie and Brian were married September 5, 1963 and then Bobbie prioritized her marriage over completing nursing school. Her Christian faith was lived out while raising her family, membership in a local church and the work that she enjoyed. For example, Bobbie investing in young people as a teaching assistant at Lansing Christian School and then supported home school families with counseling and curriculum support through the Emmanuel Center in Holt.

She is survived by her loving husband of over 57 years, Brian; children, Heather (Ron) Edwards, Dianna (Fritz) Bork, Karyn (Nick) White and James Decke; grandchildren, Tehya (Steve) Shaheen, Ty Edwards, Anna Gothberg, Kate (Ethan) DeJonge, Fred (Tayler), Emma and Lena Bork, Kayla, Zach and Matt White; great grandchildren, Will and Pearl DeJonge along with her brother, James W. Munsel Jr.

A private family service will be held on Friday, January 15, 2021 at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Pastor Nathan Sabin

of the White Lake Baptist Church of Montague, officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Grand Ledge. Visitation will be Friday from 10-1:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to Trinity Church, 3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing, Michigan 48911(<https://pushpay.com/g/trinitywired?src=hpp>), White Lake Baptist Church, 5280 Dowling Street, Montague, Michigan 49437 or Focus on the Family, 8605 Explorer Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80920 (<https://donate.focusonthefamily.com/panel?refcd=118203>). To view the funeral service or share memories and condolences please go to [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Roberta Kay Decke*



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**Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home** - January 12, 2021 at 02:25 PM

RT

*Our deepest sympathies to the family in your loss. May Bobbi rest in peace.*

*Ron & Aggie Thill*

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**Ron & Agnes Thill** - January 13, 2021 at 10:47 AM

AV

*My prayer for you is to find comfort and peace through this difficult time. Bobbi was such a wonderful wife ,mother and friend. She will be missed. Anne Vertrees*

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**Anne Vertrees** - January 16, 2021 at 08:53 AM

PS

“ *Brian and family,*

*Betsy and I extend our sympathy to you as we remember the smiling face that lit up the Briny Community for so many years. Brian, your courage and devotion to Bobbie these last several years set a gold standard for love and commitment. Our prayers are for each of you.*

*Paul Sullivan*

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**Paul Sullivan** - January 16, 2021 at 03:36 PM

CG

“ *Brian,*

*My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Bobbi was just simply a wonderful lady and I am so happy to have had the chance to know her at Briny, and to have witnessed your love and loyalty to her. May God bless you all during this difficult time. ~Christy Gauger*

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**Christy Gauger** - January 16, 2021 at 03:10 PM

PH

“ *Bobbie was such a lovely woman! Brian and Bobbie's love story was an inspiration to me. The dedication that they had for each other and the joy that they shared was so apparent to all. I know that she is with the Lord.*

*Patty and Dave Hagan*

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**Patty Hagan** - January 15, 2021 at 03:49 PM

GC

“ Come, I'll be your neighbor, your friend, your confidant. I'll share my favorite recipes, my garden, and the morning glories. Come sit with me on the swing and watch our children play. I'll teach you how to make homemade grape juice, pizza crust and russian tea. I'll share the home sewn matching dresses for Easter day. The graduation open houses, the proms, and wedding days. I will share Christ Our Savior on Christmas day.

*We are truly saddened by the loss of your wife, mother, grandmother, sister. With heartfelt sorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Chipchase and family.*

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**G Chipchase** - January 15, 2021 at 10:29 AM

JK

*I witnessed Brian's total devotion to Bobbie as evidence of great love & faith lived, & blessings to all shared. My sympathy. Judy Kraft from Briny*

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**Judith Kraft** - January 16, 2021 at 09:27 AM

JB

“ Mrs Decke taught me how to type when I was in 9th grade. She was just the sweetest lady. I really enjoyed her.

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**Jennifer (Thomas) Bigelow** - January 14, 2021 at 03:46 PM

CP

“ I knew Brian and Bobbie when I was a child and often visited their home. Despite the busy-ness of her four kids along with an extra three, she took the time to share Jesus' love with me and make me feel deeply loved. I've never forgotten that feeling and am sure that many others felt it as well. She was bright and wonderful. She is deeply missed. We rejoice with her as she celebrates a life well lived with her Savior.

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**Cami Peterson-Zwart** - January 14, 2021 at 10:10 AM

KB

“ I loved Mrs. Decke. I was a Lansing Christian student, and my sister and I rode daily with her between the elementary and high schools from '83-'86. She loved to talk and joke with us, except the beginning of each car ride each morning...on the radio was a little jingle, “Good morning, Dear Lord, what exciting new things are in store for me today?” This was her prayer every morning, and she'd sing along with it, shushing us until it was done. What a great example!

I also had her (as a teacher's aide) and Mrs. Peterson for typing class. I grew up at school with Heather, Karen and Jim in grades close to mine, and considered them friends.

While I lost touch with Bobbie after graduation, I've never forgotten her zeal for the Lord and bubbly joy. I'm so grateful for the way God used her in my life!

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**Kim (Hecht) Box** - January 14, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Roberta Kay Decke.



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January 13, 2021 at 07:16 PM

EW

“ As a young lady, my cousin, Bobbi Kay graced the guest book at my wedding in 1954. A sweet, lovely cousin. May God comfort all the family today and be joyful knowing that she is in heaven with Jesus whom she loved.

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**Ellen Winslow** - January 13, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roberta Kay Decke.*



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January 13, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Roberta Kay Decke.*



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January 13, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ *Dear Deckes, I am so sorry for your loss. Your family was always dear to ours. So sorry we've lost contact over the years. Lord bless you each one, Rosalie Rowe Parmelee*

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**Rosalie Rowe Parmelee** - January 13, 2021 at 07:21 AM



“ *Your mother was an incredible teacher. Kind and loving. I am sorry for your loss.*

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**Susan Clingerman** - January 12, 2021 at 06:37 PM



*Thank you.*

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**Karyn White** - January 06, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of *Roberta Kay Decke*.



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January 12, 2021 at 03:35 PM