

## Carole J. Vergauwen



Carole Jean (Day) Vergauwen, passed away on December 9th, 2021. Patiently waiting to join her husband Francis J. Vergauwen. She was born on April 29th, 1940 in Superior, WI, daughter of Percy and Lucille Day. On July 9th, 1960, Carole married her sweetheart, Francis Vergauwen. Married for 57 years until Fran went to heaven in 2018. Carole lived her remaining years continuing to love on her family and to say Yes to as many possibilities as she could.

Carole had the gift of conversation. She modeled compassion as she shared her talents, time, and resources like confetti. Many generations of friends became family and dubbed her "Mom and Grandma" and once you became family, you were loved forever. She cherished her family, and attended as many events and everyday happenings as possible. From birth coach to concerts, and sporting events. She was as dependable as the sunrise.

Carole graduated from Superior High School. She received her associates degree in Radiology at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon Michigan. She married a sailor on July 9th 1960 and had five children in seven years. They returned to Superior to help out their family then lived in Siren, WI. They moved to Waupaca in 1967. While raising their family, she worked at Waupaca Hospital, Wild Rose Hospital, Iola Hospital, and Waupaca Veterans Home. Her children would agree that her best job was running Grandma's Daycare, as she volunteered to pick up many of her grandkids after she was done with her part time job and led them in lessons and adventures.

She was quite involved in her children's groups and community. To name a few, she led and/or participated in Scouts, 4H, Catechism, St Mary's Magdelene's church functions, Food Pantries, Blood Drives, Curling events, Snowpackers, Jaycees, Lioness, and foundational Waupaca events. For example, She and her friend, Donna Belter created 8th grade graduation, a tradition that continues to this date. A scholarship for Waupaca High School graduates has been started by Carole and will start this Spring, Fran and Carole's generosity will continue far beyond their time here. She and Fran enjoyed their family activities; snowmobiling, camping, traveling, and hanging out on the Chain O' Lakes. In later times they continued to travel, joined pit crews for off road racing, and continued connections with those they care about.

Carole had a passion for traveling. Her motto was "always say yes!". She traveled near and far with family and friends. Carole did her last mission trip to Guatemala at age 80, confirming you are never too old to do the work of the Lord. She is survived by her 5 children; 6 including a French Exchange student that became a daughter for life. She had 16 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren, and many adopted daughters and sons and their children. Her words of wisdom would be to spend time with the young, spend time with people and listen, really listen.

Her family connections included; Shaun (Dave) Thoe with children Danielle and Travis. (Missi Barrows ), children - Tragon, Kaname and Phoenix. Waupaca

Ken (Jill Rolfs) Vergauwen with children JT and (Amy Williams), Eric (Andrea Ficco), and Tony (Nikki Nigbor), children - Ryder, Addison, Piper and Finn, Waupaca;

Jim (Renee Culton) Vergauwen with children Carlene Lyons (Darrick), children Talliya and Arricka, Stephanie (Kachur), Elliot (Weed), daughter Hayden, McKenzie, Colton and Melissa; Lisbon, WI.

Kelly (Ben) Baumgart with children Isaac, Sam, Simon (Carolina Cortez), and Hannah, Waupaca; Paula (Rick) Culton with sons Dallas and Kyle, Waupaca,

French family connection Nathalie (Francis) Broc with children Luca and Nina

She loved spending time with siblings: Late - Jack Day, Donna Wright (Late - Gene) and Janet Mansfield (Late-Edward) Sibling in Laws, Mother Shaun Vergauwen, Late Rich (Barb) Vergauwen, Ken (Alice) Vergauwen, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life and husband Fran Vergauwen, her parents Percy and Lucille Day, brother Jack Day, and grandson Baby Gary and in-laws, Gaston and Elsie Vergauwen and Orville Hazel.

Memorial service will be held at Faith Community Church in Waupaca (N2541 Hwy K) on December 28th at 1:00 PM. Visitation hours will be held Monday December 27th 3:00 PM-7:00 PM and December 28th 11:00 AM - to the start of the 1:00 PM service . A lunch will follow at Faith Community Church. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in the name of Carole Vergauwen and will be used to continue her legacy of helping those in need. Holly Funeral Home is helping the family with these happenings.

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## Patricia A. 'Patsy' Sislo



Patricia Ann Sislo, 82, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 11, 2021, surrounded by her family at Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth, MN, from complications of Covid-19.

Patricia (Patsy) was born in Superior, WI on September 20, 1939, the daughter of Charles and Theresa (Gella) Dembroski. She married James Sislo on December 14, 1957, nearly celebrating 64 years of marriage.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers Charles Jr. and Richard.

Patsy is survived by her husband, Jim of Superior; children, LouAnn (Scott) Stariha of Englewood, FL, Steven (Paula) Sislo of Superior, and Brian (Karen) Sislo of Superior; grandchildren Danielle (Oak) Plested, Brooke (Dave) Baker, Lindsey (Wes) Kilgore, Megan (Tate) Eliason, Matthew (Karen) Sislo, Chris (Jamie) Sislo, Shawn (Carolina) Sislo, Bethany (Josh) Huray, Scott (Meghan) Sislo and Mike (Tara Gushulak) Sislo; twenty-nine great grandchildren; brothers, James, Robert (Diane), John, Ronald (Joyce) and Donald (Linda) Dembroski; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

While Patsy was an avid reader, a talented artist, good bowler, and a wonderful cook, she will mostly be remembered by her warm personality and her desire to spend quality time with her family and loved ones. She was quick witted, loved to laugh, and enjoyed relaxing conversations. Patricia was always ready to deliver a new joke and even more eager to laugh at the retelling of an old joke from a youngster like it was the first time she ever heard it. She spent countless hours in basketball gyms, hockey rinks, baseball, and football fields, and many school and church programs, supporting and cheering on her family. She loved playing cards as that hobby transitioned from playing for "serious" money with her brothers to passing around the penny jar to spot the buy-in for a broke great-grandchild to play Go Fish with her. Patricia was an integral part of the growth and stability of Central Sheet Metal, supporting her husband Jim in the office for many years. Prior to that she worked as a nurse's aide at nursing homes.

Patsy will be dearly missed by all who knew her and remembered as a wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandma, great grandma and friend, who gave of herself and loved so many.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 20th from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:30 a.m. funeral service at Downs Funeral Home, 1617 N 19th Street, Superior, with Reverend Shawn Sislo officiating. A private family burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will be her great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts of remembrance can be made to the Salvation Army Christmas Red Kettle Campaign. A charity that was extra dear to Patsy's heart, donations can be mailed to the Salvation Army, 916 Hughitt Ave., Superior, WI 54880.

To leave an online condolence, please visit [www.downsfh.com](http://www.downsfh.com)



## Donald "Don" James Pank



Donald "Don" James Pank, 77, a longtime resident of South Range, WI died peacefully Friday, December 10, 2021, at Marywood of Benedictine Assisted Living in Duluth, MN.

He was born, June 20, 1944, the son of Francis and June (Johnston) Pank.

Donald graduated High School and went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Airforce.

He was united in marriage to Roberta Conley on May 28, 1967, and they celebrated 52 years of marriage before her passing in 2019. Donald worked as a machinist with Power Transmission of Duluth for over 30 years before his retirement. Donald will always be remembered as a skilled and hard worker who could fix anything, including building his own family home and garage. Above all, Don was a loving father, grandfather and brother who will be dearly missed by all.

He is survived by three sons, Barry (Jennie) Pank, of Arizona, Joe and Jon Pank, both of South Range, WI; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister, Linda (David) Byrka, of Superior, WI.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Roberta Pank; parents; and brother Arthur Pank.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM, Monday, December 20, 2021, at Lakeside Baptist Church, 3176 S. Middle River Road, South Range, WI, and will continue until the 11:00 AM Funeral Service with Pastor Travis Ulrich officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Superior where Military Honors will be accorded by the Richard I. Bong American Legion Post #435 Honor Guard.

The Downs-LeSage Funeral Home, 1304 Hammond Avenue, Superior, is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave a condolence or sign the guestbook, please visit [www.downs-lesage.com](http://www.downs-lesage.com)

## Roland 'Andy' R. Anderson Jr.



Roland 'Andy' R. Anderson Jr. (January 30, 1928 – December 9, 2021)

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man

The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

1 Corinthians 2:9  
Roland Roy Anderson Jr., 93, of South Range, WI, known to his family and friends as Andy, passed away peacefully of old age while at his Lyman Lake home in South Range, Wisconsin.

Andy was born on January 30, 1928 in Superior, WI the son of Roland Sr. and Hilda (Sell) Anderson.

He married Kathleen 'Kay' Curtiss on Jan. 28, 1956 at Christ Lutheran Church in Superior. Andy and Kay had an incredible bond that spanned all aspects of their lives together. They were partners in running the business, raising the family, and enjoying life until Kay's passing in 2018.

Andy was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church. He was instrumental in helping to construct and maintain the new church building, worked at the annual pasty bake and became close friends with long-time pastor Gerry Presuhn.

Andy was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He took great pleasure in family gatherings at his cabin/home on Lyman Lake. He earned the nickname "Handy Andy" as he enjoyed helping family and friends with home improvement and mechanical needs. Whenever asked how he was doing, Andy was quick to answer "Wonderful!" and his family and friends have certainly been wonderfully blessed by the kind and gracious presence of having Andy in their lives.

Andy and his longtime business partner and friend, Roy Aspdahl, owned and operated Superior Auto Parts and Great Lakes Auto Parts which allowed him to establish countless friendships as he doubled as an "outside salesman" calling on gas stations and garages throughout Superior and across Northern Wisconsin.

Andy was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed the deepening of friendships that came with outdoor adventures even more than the sport of hunting and fishing itself. He always gave priority to ensuring that others were well fed and well positioned to be successful at bagging a deer, pheasant or trout.

In addition to his wife of 62 years, Andy was preceded in death by his parents and sister. He is survived by his children Jean (Jay) Anderson of Kansas City, MO, Roy (Jackie) Anderson of Chanhassen, MN, Mary Kay (Kevin) Cambronne of New Brighton, MN, and Beth (Bill) Flynn of South Range, WI; grandchildren, Lisa (Pat) Riggle, Christine (Jake) Ayers, Ryan (Jeanne) Anderson, Matthew Anderson, Jessica Cambronne, Martin Cambronne, David (Amanda) Flynn, Kyle Leuthner, Taylor (Hayley) Leuthner; great-grandchild, Toretto Flynn and Clyde Lyman Ayers, and many nieces and nephews.

We are so thankful for the care he received from Essentia Home Health Hospice and Helping Hands during his brief time in hospice. We are especially grateful for the loving and faithful caregivers that brightened his days over the past few months.

We thank God for Andy and will cherish his memory.

Services will be private with burial at Christ Lutheran Church (Superior, WI). We would love to collect your stories and memories of Andy which you can share at the online guestbook by visiting [www.downsfh.com](http://www.downsfh.com).

Assisting the family with arrangements, Downs Funeral Home, 1617 N 19th Street, Superior.



## DEATHS

### William Lamoreaux

April 3, 1971 - Dec. 7, 2021  
DULUTH, Minn. - William Lamoreaux, 50, Superior, Wis., died Tuesday, Dec. 7, in St. Luke's Hospital. Services were previously held. Arrangements by Bratley Inc.

### Diane E. Koskie

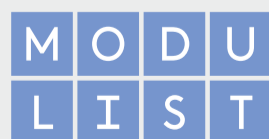
June 5, 1957 - Dec. 8, 2021  
HAWTHORNE, Wis. - Diane E. Koskie, 64, Hawthorne, Wis., died Wednesday, Dec. 8, in her home. A celebration of life will be at a later date. Arrangements by Downs Funeral Home in Superior, Wis.

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