



Gale E. Degner

January 3, 1942 - March 8, 2024

Gale E. Degner, 82, of Van Dyne, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 8, 2024, at St. Agnes Hospital.

She was born on January 3, 1942, in Berlin, the daughter of Arnold and Myrtle Marvin. She was a graduate of L.P. Goodrich High School. She attended Marian University and received a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

She was married to Earl Degner for 61 years, who preceded her in death on June 11, 2020.

She garnered respect by the business community because of her work at the Association of Commerce in Fond du Lac. She began her career with the State of Wisconsin at Job Service. She completed her career with the State of Wisconsin at the Department of Corrections as a probation and parole supervisor, where she received a certificate of commendation from Governor Tommy Thompson.

She served in numerous civic organizations. She was a Past Worthy High Priestess with the Masonic Lodge. Past President of National Management Organization-FDL Chapter. A member of Altrusa International, The Red Hat Society, Bulldog Club of Milwaukee, and a charter member for Shar-Pei Club

of America.

Everyone who interacted with Gale knew her for her love of animals, especially dogs. Gale took pride in breeding Shar-Pei and English Bulldogs. Gale found joy in placing dogs in the homes of loving families.

Gale was also a woman who stirred others into excellence. Over the years, she and her husband took in a handful of young people who now call her mom. Her coaching, training, and teaching transformed their lives into productive citizenship.

She is survived by her son, Scott (Debra Stacey) Degner, three grandchildren: Nicole (Mike) Gierach, David (Michelle) Degner, and Daniel (Victoria) Degner; two step-great-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Helen Degner; and her dog Maxine. She is preceded in death by her parents.

VISITATION: The family will greet friends and relatives from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory, with Rev. Mary Council-Austin officiating. A luncheon will follow at Edgewood Community Church- Fond du Lac. Entombment to follow at Shrine of Rest Mausoleum in Ledgeview Memorial Park on Monday, March 18, 2024.

Cemetery Details

Shrine of Rest Mausoleum

N6250 County Road K
Fond du Lac, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
31 E. Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
(920) 921-4420
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Funeral Service

MAR 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
31 E. Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Scott, I am just reading your mom’s obituary today. I fondly remember her as she was a friend and co-worker of my late husband, Tom Jones. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Gale was a true leader and a wonderful person and we enjoyed our friendship w/her as well as your dad.

Cheri Welch - March 15, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gale E. Degner.



March 14, 2024 at 01:46 AM

DB

“ Dan Berka planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gale E. Degner.

Dan Berka - March 14, 2024 at 01:46 AM

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“ I can’t even begin to sort through the memories my heart has held so dear for all these years. I meet you when I was 15, a wild lost child but you seen so much in me. You believed in me and you loved me and you gave me a home, you guided me through some tuff times. I regret not being able to be there through yours. I hold dear to me so many memories of you and Earl and Scott. I’m so grateful you were the part of my life that you were. I love you forevermore! Always in my heart!❤️

Natalie anderson - March 11, 2024 at 10:43 PM

MV

I mourn with you the loss of your mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Gale. She and I grew up together, she on Oak street and me on South Street. We had many adventures as children and I will treasure those memories forever. Rest in peace dear friend. Peace and grace to your family.

Marleen Volz - March 12, 2024 at 10:20 AM