



## Irma M. Draves

July 9, 1924 - October 15, 2023

Irma M. Draves, 99, of Fond du Lac, died on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at the Lutheran Home.

She was born on July 9, 1924, a daughter of Alfred and Esther Madaus Abraham, in a farmhouse in the Town of Black Wolf, her grandmother, Wilhelmina Abraham served as the midwife. She was number five of ten children. Irma was baptized, confirmed, and graduated from St. John's Lutheran in Nekimi. On June 1, 1946, she married Louis E. Draves at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, they were married for 53 years, until his death on August 21, 1999. They were blessed with seven children.

Irma worked at Diamond Drive-In, Wells Manufacturing, and the Dartmoor Hotel, as the head housekeeper for over a decade. They managed the Forest Avenue Apartments for years. Irma was a loyal domestic employee for 30 years. Irma retired from playing baseball with her grandchildren at the age of 91. She was a member of Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church.

She is survived by seven children: Dennis (Sue) Draves of Nevada, Janis (Jim) Quade of Waupun, Jerry (Jeannine) Draves of Dodgeville, Hal (Lavinia) Draves of Oakfield, Ronald (Carol) Draves of Oakfield, David (Paula) Draves of Fond du Lac, and Bonnie Alsup of Fond du Lac; 18 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, a brother, Orville (Nancy)

Abraham.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Louis; two grandsons: Steven Draves and Aaron Draves; great granddaughter Hailey, and her siblings: Lucile (Lester) Rickert, Lawrence Abraham, Clarence "Butch" Abraham, Rhea "Tessie" (Bruno) Redman, Marvin (Betty "Bimmie") Abraham, LaVerne "Boots" (Forest) Wolf, Norbert (Louise) Abraham, sister-in-law, Mary Ann Abraham, and Alfred "Skeeter" (Barbara) (Judy) Abraham.

VISITATION: The visitation will be from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church, 20 Wisconsin American Drive, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: The funeral service will be held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Tom Meyer officiating. Burial will be in Ledgeview Memorial Park.

Special thanks to the 2nd floor staff at the Fond du Lac Lutheran Home for their care and concern shown to Irma and family.

# Cemetery Details

## Ledgeview Memorial Park

N6250 County Trunk K  
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church  
20 Wisconsin American Drive  
Fond du Lac, WI

## Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church  
20 Wisconsin American Drive  
Fond du Lac, WI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Irma M. Draves.*



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October 20, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *She was such a trooper always wanting to know what the kids were up too. Beautiful Lady*

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**sandi bremer** - October 20, 2023 at 08:53 AM



“ *Della Gray lit a candle in memory of Irma Draves*



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**Della Gray** - October 19, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irma M. Draves.*



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October 19, 2023 at 02:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Irma M. Draves.

October 19, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irma M. Draves.



October 19, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ To all of Irma’s family. Such a blessing each of you were privileged to have in your lifes’ We talk of her quite often, how she is, where she is, is she still living. She was the sweetest, loving, compassionate lady. She will truly be missed.

MaryAnn & George Scott - October 18, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ Janis my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family for the loss of your Mother Mary (shady) Broyles



mary (shady) Broyles - October 18, 2023 at 06:26 PM

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“ When Eagle and I visited Irma last spring . The talk turned to gardening. Louis asked Irma to guide the horse so the so the rows would be straigher. Well, poor Irma was afraid of the horse. Finally Louis says, "well Irma this isn't going to work I'm willing to bet Lois is standing ai the Pearly Gates with that horse. You see there are no wheel chairs in heaven, and no fear. Lois put Irma on that horse and rode off to the nearest dance hall.

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**Joe Koenen** - October 18, 2023 at 11:07 AM

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“ Aunt Irma was always dear to my heart. She will be missed. The memories are so fond & so many. I cherish the friendship that our parents had together & the laughter they shared. One of my favorite memories is her sledding with us! Loved her little laugh & her smile



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**Lynn Laning** - October 18, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irma M. Draves.



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October 17, 2023 at 09:59 PM