



Vivian May Holmes

May 4, 1925 - January 28, 2021

Vivian May (Leden) Holmes, 95, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin passed away peacefully, at home surrounded by family on January 28, 2021.

Born May 4, 1925 in Rockford, Illinois, she was the daughter of Winifred (Leden) Wood, and Gordon Leden. On September 12, 1944, she married the love of her life, Eldon Holmes, in Rockford, Illinois. The couple started a family and farmed there until 1960 when they moved their family to Rosendale, Wisconsin where they owned and operated a dairy farm until Eldon passed away in 1973.

Vivian "Doddie" had the patience of a saint, well remembered for her nurturing and gentle spirit. She and Eldon raised nine children; survived by four daughters; Jill Frederick of Fond du Lac, Janet McCall of Bellingham, WA, Jean (Ken) Polkoski of Wild Rose, Jacqueline (George) Mengel of Hartland, five sons; Jay (Emeline) of the Philippines, Jon of Fond du Lac, Joel (Bonnie) of North Fond du Lac, James of Fond du Lac, and Jeff (Jackie) of Oconomowoc. She left behind twenty grandchildren, one expressed, "what an amazing lady, she lived a life full of love and kindness, she had a gentle heart, simply the best grandma in the world." She was also survived by twenty-three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren who often blessed her with laughter and hugs.

Vivian is predeceased by her husband Eldon Holmes (1973), grandson Justin Holmes, granddaughter-in-law Melanie Holmes, great-granddaughter Dixie Holmes, mother Winifred Wood, father Gordon Leden, and brother Jack

Leden.

She believed, "for by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." She is a member of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, in North Fond du Lac.

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Jill Frederick (daughter) and Jon Holmes (son) for the exceptional loving care they gave at home, and to Hospice Hope for their compassionate and gentle assistance at home during her last few weeks.

The memorial service will be held at 12 Noon on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, 1010 Adams Avenue, North Fond du Lac with Pastor Michael Kampman officiating. Interment will take place at a later date at Owen Center Cemetery, in Rockford, Illinois.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
1010 Adams Avenue
N. Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Service

FEB 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LW

“ Jeff, Joel, and Jon, please accept my condolences for the loss of your mother. Mothers are especially difficult to lose. Even though your time now is filled with sadness at your loss, in time, especially with a large family, family members find comfort in each other and fond memories replace the sadness. As you recount both the adventures and daily things which made your family a family, you will find laughter and joy in the life you each had with your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.
Larry Wilson

Larry Wilson - February 03, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Vivian May Holmes.



February 02, 2021 at 03:26 PM

PB

“ So many memories of time spent at the Holmes farm while my Dad worked! You are in my thoughts and prayers!

Pam (Crook) Behnke - February 01, 2021 at 08:02 PM

JA

Thank you Pam, I remember babysitting for you and your brother back in the day. It was wonderful to see your Dad yesterday!

Janet - February 04, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Vivian May Holmes.*



February 01, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ *James and Jackie I am so sorry for your loss. She was an amazing mother. She will be missed.*

Myra Keller - February 01, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vivian May Holmes.*



February 01, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ *Jenna purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Vivian May Holmes.*



Jenna - February 01, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vivian May Holmes.*



February 01, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *To Jeff/Jackie, and the entire Holmes family- so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. She was such a special lady. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers and holding you tight with a big hug.*



Julie Miller-North Fond du Lac, WI - January 31, 2021 at 07:16 PM



Thank you for your kind words Julie. She was an amazing lady that will truly be missed. 💕

Jackie Holmes - February 01, 2021 at 09:08 AM



*Jackie and family.,
I only met your mother once and she seemed like such a lovely woman.
Losing one's mother is heart wrenching. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Diana and Bob*

Goen Family - February 10, 2021 at 07:04 PM



Even though I've only met your mother once. She seemed like such a lovely person. Losing ones mother is heart wrenching. You're in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Goen Family - February 10, 2021 at 07:07 PM