



Mary "Babe" Delphine Demers

August 1, 1934 - March 17, 2025

Mary (Babe) Delphine Demers, age 90, of Storm Lake, Iowa, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2025.

Funeral mass will take place Monday, March 24, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, March 23, 2025 from 5-7:00 p.m. with Vigil Service starting at 7:00 followed by Rosary, all at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Born on August 1, 1934, in Buck Grove, Crawford County, Iowa, Babe was the daughter of James Bernard and Mary (Bauman) Duncan.

Babe's life was deeply rooted in faith and community. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Denison, Iowa, where she also attended school through the 8th grade. With a strong sense of responsibility, Babe began working at the age of 14, taking on various jobs to assist her family. She graduated from Denison High School in 1953. Following her graduation, she pursued her passion for cosmetology, attending Elless Beauty School in Sioux City, graduating in June 1954. She then moved to Storm Lake, where she worked at Ritches Beauty Salon until 1958.

On August 5, 1957, Delphine married Louis Demers Jr. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Denison. Together, they built a life on the family farms north and east of Storm Lake, raising five children: Julie, Jackie, Joleen, Jeannie, and Jim. Delphine and Louis were devoted members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. The couple cherished watching their children participate in sports throughout all seasons, hosting lively card club gatherings, enjoying the excitement of the county fairs, and gathering for cherished family dinners after Sunday Mass.

After losing Louis, her beloved husband, best friend, and the love of her life, in 1986, Delphine demonstrated remarkable resilience, channeling her dedication to family and

community into a long and fulfilling career. She served with warmth and grace at The Woman's Shop and Osweiler on Main Street until her retirement. Beyond her work, she remained a constant source of support for her grandchildren, actively cheering them on at countless sporting events and activities, her love and encouragement unwavering. Louis, the love of her life, was always in her heart as she continued to build a life filled with love and service.

In her retirement, Delphine moved to the Chautauqua Park Condos, where she found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She cherished her time spent walking by the lake, reading, praying the rosary, playing cards or sudoku, and, most importantly, spending time with her beloved family.

Delphine's legacy is carried on by her four daughters and son: Julie (Dave) Melohn, Jackie (Lance) Wedeking, Joleen (John) Brown, Jeannie (Mark) Henningsen, and Jim (Patti) Demers.

She leaves behind a large and loving family, including 17 grandchildren: Kelly (Patrick) Williams, Kyle (Breanna) Melohn, Amy (Dan) Halfman, Jill (Zach) Williams, Ray (Kelle) Wedeking, Katie (Jacob) Wynn, Kaisha (Brent) Heemskerk, Mary (Kyle) Lundy, Paul (Emily) Brown, Billy Brown, Anna Brown, Jordan Henningsen and (fiance, Dakota Schafer), Jalen Henningsen, Austin Demers, Jasmine (Devon) Van Houten, Michael Demers and Danika Demers; and 21 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Kathryn Erickson and Bernadine Tegels; sister-in-law, Linda Duncan; and brother-in-law, Phil Didier as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Delphine was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Louis Demers Jr.; her parents, James Bernard and Mary (Bauman) Duncan; her brothers, James Duncan and Louis and Evelyn (Stormer) Duncan, her sister, Norene (Duncan) Didier; In-laws: Don Tegels, Louis and Margaret (McGarry) Demers, Dale and Joan (Demers) Martin, Duane Demers, and James and Janet (Demers) Hartman.

Delphine's gentle spirit, unwavering faith, and deep love for her family will be dearly missed.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

1238 600th St.
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Vigil Service

MAR 23. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAR 24. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary "Babe" Delphine Demers



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 22, 2025 at 04:04 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 22, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ 363 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 22, 2025 at 03:54 PM

TF

“ The Henningsen Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary "Babe" Delphine Demers.



The Henningsen Family - March 21, 2025 at 09:09 PM

SS

“ Prayers and hugs to the family



Shelly schossow - March 21, 2025 at 03:55 PM

DF

“ Darrell Eddie and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mary "Babe" Delphine Demers.



Darrell Eddie and family - March 21, 2025 at 03:04 PM

JL

“ Jennifer & Emily Launderville lit a candle in memory of Mary Demers



Jennifer & Emily Launderville - March 21, 2025 at 02:57 PM

DJ

“ Deb and Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Mary Demers



Deb and Kevin Jesse - March 21, 2025 at 01:08 PM

FF

“ From the Mike amd Kate Wilson Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary "Babe" Delphine Demers.



From the Mike amd Kate Wilson Family - March 21, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mary "Babe" Delphine Demers.



March 21, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mary "Babe" Delphine Demers.



March 20, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary "Babe" Delphine Demers.

March 20, 2025 at 05:27 PM

BR

“ *Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Mary Demers*



Bev Reis - March 20, 2025 at 05:08 PM

JI

“ *Joyce I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary "Babe" Delphine Demers.*

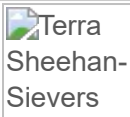
Joyce I. - March 20, 2025 at 10:10 AM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Mary Demers*



John/Connie Demers - March 19, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ *Terra Sheehan-Sievers lit a candle in memory of Mary Demers*



Terra Sheehan-Sievers - March 19, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary "Babe" Delphine Demers.*



March 18, 2025 at 10:58 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary "Babe" Delphine Demers.*

March 18, 2025 at 10:58 PM



“ *Demers family- so sorry for your loss. Delphine was a great lady!*
Kay Snyder Marvin



Kay Marvin - March 18, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ *Really enjoyed spending time with Delphine...mostly at Demers kids events. She was a wonderful, thoughtful mother, grandmother and friend.*

Barb Erickson - March 18, 2025 at 02:48 PM