



## Agnes Louise Dikeman

March 24, 1935 - April 9, 2026

Agnes Louise (Schettenhelm) Dikeman of Saline, Michigan left this world to be with her Lord and Savior Thursday, April 9, 2026. She was 91 years of age, and bravely endured numerous medical issues.

Born March 24, 1935 to Fred and Marie Schettenhelm, she was the second of four children. Her parents expected their children to be excellent students, but they did not understand the value of education for farm children beyond the eighth grade. Her older sister, Virginia, convinced their mother to let Agnes attend Our Lady of Mercy High School in Detroit. Halfway through high school, Agnes had to switch schools due to transportation issues. She graduated Magna Cum Laude - Class of 1953 from Ladywood High School in Livonia.

Post High School, determined to continue her education, Agnes attended Madonna College made possible by a scholarship procured by one of the nuns of the college. In those days, College students majoring in Education could teach, enabling Agnes to begin her teaching career with 5th and 6th Grade at Our Lady of Grace School in Dearborn. She completed her undergraduate course work during late afternoon, evening, and summer classes ultimately graduating in 1953 with a double major in Elementary Education and Music Education. Of particular note, at the age of 14, Agnes began teaching private piano lessons, and continued teaching music education in grades K-12 for many years in Dearborn Township, Wayne, Saline, and Manchester.

Agnes met her future husband upon accepting an invitation from her pastor, Father Anthony, to meet the young man. She told her cousin that she “didn’t really want to go,” but the cousin urged her saying “you don’t have to marry him!” Agnes went, and met George Dikeman. They did later marry. They were married many years until George passed away on June 26, 2021 (a day after their 61st Wedding Anniversary). They had two children, Mary and Philip (deceased 2017).

In 1976, Agnes earned her Master’s Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University, after moving to Ann Arbor, Michigan with her husband and two children. She then took a position with Grass Lake Community Schools as their Reading Specialist, retiring after 30 years in Education.

During retirement, Agnes enjoyed volunteering opportunities with the Waterloo Farm Museum (Waterloo, Michigan) and Rentschler Farm Museum (Saline, Michigan). As a volunteer, she developed Education Programs for children, managed the Museums’ Gift Shops, and worked as their Curator. Agnes also enjoyed gardening and canning. Her entire life Agnes was devoted to God, The Blessed Mother, and her Catholic Faith, and was a long-time parishioner of St. Andrew’s Catholic Church in Saline, Michigan. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Lewis of Roanoke, Virginia, grandson, Quintin Elliott, Jr. of Salt Lake City, Utah, granddaughter Celine Lewis of Roanoke, Virginia, sibling Fred Schettenhelm of Milan, Michigan, sibling Bill (Nancy) Schettenhelm of Wenatchee, Washington, and many nieces and nephews.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Wednesday, April 22nd from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 A.M. with Fr. John Linden as Celebrant. Following the Mass, inurnment will be held at Lodi Cemetery. Following the cemetery, a luncheon will be held back at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Agnes' name may be made to: St. Andrew Catholic School. Envelopes will also be available at the Church.

To leave a memory you have of Agnes, to sign her guestbook, or for directions please, visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com)

The service will be live streamed and can be viewed by visiting:

Primary: <https://youtube.com/live/Bjd-vgfBrp8?feature=share>

Backup: <https://youtube.com/live/-Xo6K4J8B9M?feature=share>

# Cemetery Details

## Lodi Township Cemetery

Corner of Textile Road and Ann Arbor-Saline  
Road  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Dr  
Saline, MI 48176-1157  
(734) 429-5210

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Dr  
Saline, MI 48176-1157  
(734) 429-5210

## Graveside Service

APR **22**. 12:25 PM (ET)

Lodi Township Cemetery  
Corner of Textile Road and Ann Arbor-Saline Road  
Saline, MI 48176

## Luncheon

APR **22**. 12:45 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Dr  
Saline, MI 48176-1157  
(734) 429-5210

*Luncheon will take place at the Church following the burial of ashes at Lodi Cemetery.*

# Tribute Wall

EB

“ Agnes scheduled volunteers at the Rentschler Farm Museum where I became an active volunteer. Her gift was to make volunteers feel valued and appreciated during their time there.

*Evelyn Burns*

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**Evelyn Burns** - April 21 at 10:47 AM

KH

“ Our Bauchat family has a long history with Agnes. We knew her when we lived in Dearborn. She was my oldest brother’s teacher at OLG, and she was my oldest sister’s teacher too. At the same time, she was teaching my middle sister piano lessons. I was a little kid at the time and only knew her by Miss Schettenhelm and recognized her house when we would pick up Cindy from her piano lessons. She also knew my dad because he sang in the church choir at Our Lady of Grace. My family moved away, and we lost touch.

Fast forward to my married years. My husband was the music director/cantor at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea, and Agnes was living in the Saline/A2 area. Sometimes she attended church at this parish, and that is how we reconnected! I introduced myself to her because I realized she knew my siblings and my parents, but probably wasn’t all that familiar with me. She and I had also established a work relationship because I was working for the Chelsea Community Education Dept. and she and I kept in touch about enrollment numbers for her many Waterloo Farm classes. Our department ran the registration for her, and we became partnered through these activities.

Agnes and I kept in touch through emails and exchanging cards. Sometimes we met for lunch in Chelsea or Saline. She really liked my husband, BJ, and the three of us had such lovely conversations. I loved her and thought she was one of the most beautiful women I had ever known.

She came to my sister Cindy’s funeral in 2023 even though she had fallen and broken her arm. She told BJ and me that she was taking classes to regain her balance. This past January she told me she had back surgery. I thought that was very brave for someone of her advanced age. We were concerned that we hadn’t heard from her since then.

The last time BJ and I saw her was when we met for lunch in Saline last June of 2025. We had such a wonderful conversation together,

*and she encouraged me to think about going back to school at my age of 69.*

*We will miss her. ❤️*



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**Kris Hohnke** - April 20 at 06:16 PM



“ 77 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Robison-Bahn Miller Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - April 19 at 04:43 PM



“ *I was very fortunate to teach at Grass Lake with Agnes. She was a tremendous educator loved by all.*

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**mike vecellio** - April 19 at 01:56 PM

SF

“ My mom worked with Mrs. Dikeman in the reading lab at Grass Lake for many years. My mom respected her so much. Whenever I would call my mom, she would often update me on Mrs. Dikeman. I always enjoyed hearing about how the Waterloo museum was doing. My own mother passed away about 9 years ago. I will always remember getting the biggest hug from her. My heart goes out to all of her family. I like to think of my mom and dad drinking coffee in heaven with all of their friends. Today I will add Mrs. Dikeman. Love and hugs sent to all of her family.

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**Suzie Charlton Fetter** - April 19 at 12:43 PM

RB

“ My condolences to Agnes's family. I am very sorry to learn of her passing. I interned at the Waterloo Farm Museum for Agnes in 1995, after meeting her in the Historic Preservation graduate program at Eastern Michigan. She taught me a lot about operating a small museum and running educational programs. She was a delightful woman to work for and was an early mentor at the beginning of my 30 year museum career. We lost contact over the years, but I always think of her when I pass by the Waterloo Farm Museum.

--Rob Burg, Chelsea, Michigan.

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**Rob Burg** - April 17 at 09:21 AM

DJ

“ Agnes and I spent many a happy, busy hour at the Waterloo Farm Museum. She was a wonderful guide to a green but enthusiastic new member and as it turned out, we became fast friends. Even after my husband Floyd and I moved away from the Munith area, we stayed in touch. We joked that we may have been the last people on earth who sent long letters to each other. Occasionally, George and Agnes visited us in Tustin. George and Floyd wandered off to talk about their stuff and Agnes and I chatted about our stuff in the house. Those are precious memories. I shall miss her.

Denise Justus - April 13 at 01:20 PM

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Stephen Robison - April 13 at 09:23 AM

GH

“ Agnes was a special friend. We shared exercise, music and enjoyed many lunches together. I will miss her beautiful smile.

Genie Hollander - April 13 at 09:12 AM

JS

“ Julie Schettenhelm lit a candle in memory of Agnes Louise Dikeman



Julie Schettenhelm - April 13 at 08:39 AM

JS

“ My sweet Aunt Agnes was very dedicated to her family, her church and to being happy in her life. She was a teacher who loved history and music and nature. Aunt Agnes was a gentle, cheerful and considerate woman with a smile for everyone. Her remarkable efforts in researching the Schettenhelm genealogy back to the 1400's make for fascinating reading and I always loved hearing her reminisce about the history of us. Our family will miss her very much but knowing she's reunited with her hubby and her sister - my Aunt Virginia - along with my paternal grandparents, makes it easier to accept her passing. I'm very glad that we were able to spend some quality time together when I was in Michigan at the holidays. We always kept in touch by email and the birthday and Christmas cards she sent were usually the first ones to arrive in my mailbox for the occasion. She was my aunt and also my friend and I will treasure all my lovely memories of her. Much love to her daughter - my cousin Mary, and the grandchildren, Quintin & Celine, and also to my Uncle Bill and my Dad, along with the rest of the family. Rest in peace with the Lord, Aunt Agnes. You will be missed. 🙏🕊️💕



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Julie Schettenhelm - April 13 at 08:39 AM



“ I first met Agnes in a grad class at EMU 36 (?) years ago and really enjoyed soaking up her wisdom. I went from calling her Prof. Dikeman to Mrs. Dikeman and then she asked me to please, call her "Agnes." That was a hard switch, lol.

*I treasure the times I got to spend with her - a dinner date with her and Mary, seeing her on her 90th birthday last year, her 91st birthday this year. I enjoyed talking with her and asked her for stories... she was always happy to comply! She had a pretty funny past with telling me how she met Mr. Dikeman!*

*Just a few weeks ago, while visiting Agnes at the hospital, she thanked me for being a good friend. I got to pray with her before I left...such a sweet memory. Who knew, I would see her only one more time to drop off birthday flowers from Mary on her birthday. She and Mary were were talking on the phone, so I did a quick drop off and promised to come see her again. Sadly, I didn't get to do that.*

*Mary, I want you to know, your mom expressed to me how grateful she was that you dropped everything and came when she needed help. We got to reminisce a bit about the party you gave her last year and how your kids came... it meant a great deal to her.*

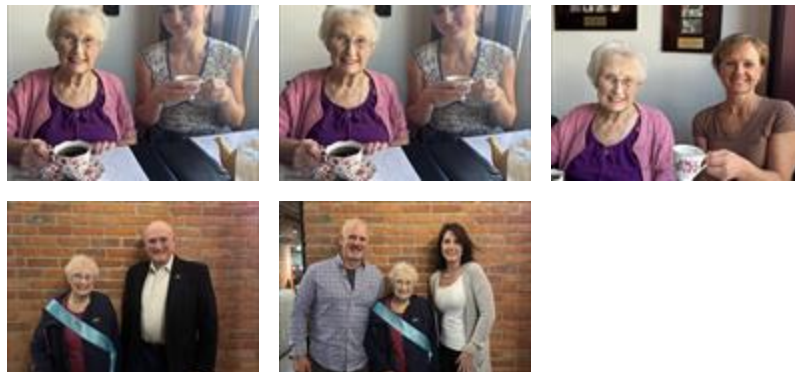
*You, Quintin and Celine are her legacy - she instilled in you the best she had to offer - her love for you and her love for God. You can't get better than that!*

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**Debbie Petzold** - April 12 at 07:02 PM

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**Stephen Robison** - April 12 at 02:01 PM

JC

“ *I will miss Agnes so much. She was a lovely woman, committed to her faith and helping her family and community.*

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**jan corona** - April 11 at 10:26 AM

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**Stephen Robison** - April 10 at 05:27 PM