



## Merrie DeVoe

September 30, 1941 - August 20, 2018

Merrie DeVoe, aged 76, left her earthly body and joined her husband, Mick, in heaven August 20, 2018 while on vacation in Rome, Italy. She was born September 30, 1941 in Lansing, Michigan and was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Lillian Sump, brother William Sump and sister Elizabeth (Sump) Samson. Merrie is survived by four children and their spouses: Marcia (Timothy) Visser, Douglas (Jane) DeVoe, Daniel (Jessica) DeVoe and Michele (Andrew) Lussky; eleven grandchildren: Ryan DeVoe, Misty Long, Matisse Loeschner, Taylor Darling, Mark Loeschner Jr, Shelby DeVoe, Ethan Lussky, Landen DeVoe, Olive DeVoe, Ruby DeVoe and Zared Lussky, and two great-grandchildren: Lucas and Lillian DeVoe. Also surviving Merrie are many cousins, nieces, nephews and children she informally adopted during her lifetime. She will be remembered for her caring heart, “carpe diem” attitude, quick wit, generous spirit – and her love of life, community, family, history, travel, entertaining, reading, cooking, playing games with friends and family, Michigan State football and basketball, Detroit Tigers baseball and her churches: Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Comstock Park, Michigan and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Mission, Texas, where she was a very involved member, reader, and Secretary of the Ladies Club. Merrie, a graduate of Sexton High School in Lansing, Michigan, studied Social Work at Grand Valley State University. She was a teacher of Genealogy, co-owner of DEVco Awards, political activist, volunteer for many educational programs, social justice causes, and civic organizations –and was a champion of equal rights, human rights, and peace. She was a defender of the underdog and a friend to the friendless. Merrie made a positive impact on the world; she will be greatly missed by many friends and her family. A visitation at 10:00 am, a memorial mass and remembrance time, 11:00 – 12:45 during which the family would welcome your special memories, will be held on Friday, September 21 am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Comstock Park, Michigan, with luncheon to follow. Join us for all, or just part of our family celebration of life well lived! In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to San Juan Diego Academy of Wyoming, Michigan, [www.sanjaundiegoacademy.com](http://www.sanjaundiegoacademy.com) or Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 10:00AM

**21**  
Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
1200 Alpine Church Rd NW, Comstock Park, MI, US, 49321

**SEP** **Memorial Mass** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Merrie DeVoe.



September 18, 2018 at 09:45 PM

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“ I met Merrie ten plus years ago in our pool at Wintergreen Estates at a water aerobics class. Our friendship developed into a very close and fun relationship. Last summer we drove to Michigan together to visit our families and friends. We had lots of laughs and good times together then, over the years. She loved my Maltese, Cassie, and was a great sitter! I miss her and will always remember our “happy hours” with Bloody Mary’s! Rest In Peace, dear friend. You’ll always be in my heart.  
Betty Mack

**Betty Mack** - September 15, 2018 at 02:14 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Merrie DeVoe.



September 13, 2018 at 11:39 AM

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“ Thelma McGuffin lit a candle in memory of Merrie DeVoe



**Thelma McGuffin** - September 13, 2018 at 04:20 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Merrie DeVoe.



September 12, 2018 at 11:12 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Merrie DeVoe.



September 12, 2018 at 05:51 PM

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“ I met Merrie many years ago while we were both active in Genealogy. She needed help, and I made a new friend. I got to know her family well, spending a lot of time feeling welcome with them. She had a kind heart, and loved all her family dearly.

**Cyndi Kuhlman** - September 12, 2018 at 03:11 PM