



Helen Louise Vandeven

March 21, 1935 - April 6, 2026

Helen Louise Vandeven, 91, of Marble Hill, Missouri died Monday, April 6, 2026 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau. She was born March 21, 1935 in Kelso, MO to the late Paul Joseph and Anna Helen Scherer Glastetter. She and Alvin Bernard Vandeven were married August 8, 1953 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Kelso. Together they worked the family farm for 40 plus years. Alvin preceded her in death on June 28, 1996. Helen continued a cattle and hay farming operation for an additional ten years.

Helen was a dedicated member of St. John Catholic Church in Leopold, Missouri where she also served with the St. Anne Ladies Sodality. She began quilting at the age of 13 with her mother and continued to do so on her own and with the church quilting ladies for 75 more years. Helen gifted quilts to her family for every occasion. She donated several to raffles including ones to fund the St. John prayer garden. She won several ribbons at the SEMO District Fair for Best of Show Hand Quilted. She donated several quilts to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Survivors include a daughter, Elaine Hinkebein of Benton, KY; Seven Sons, Alvin (Betty) Vandeven, Jr. of Chaffee, MO, John (Mary) Vandeven, Gary (Kim) Vandeven, Larry Vandeven, Gerard Vandeven, Edward (Lori) Vandeven all of Marble Hill, MO, Ronald (Herman Gaffney) Vandeven of Canton, OH; a Daughter-in-law, Rhonda Vandeven of Marble Hill, MO; honorary son, Larry

(Carol) VanGennip of Marble Hill; Eighteen grandchildren, Renee Laster, Jeremy Vandeven, Jennifer Lynn, Melanie Ledford, Amanda Reed, Lacy Riddle, Amy Jansen, John David Vandeven, Kelly Burger, Michael Vandeven, Wendy McCall, Shelby Long, Jessica O'Guin, Emily Vandeven, Dillan Vandeven, Whitney Burton, Gavin Vandeven, Alexis Smith;, along with 41 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Coletta Neff of Waterloo IL and Bertha Seyer of Dutchtown.

In addition to her parents and her husband she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Juli Ann Vandeven; a son-in-law Charlie Hinkebein; four brothers, William, Louis, Sylvester and John Glastetter; three sisters, Delphine Backfisch, Aurelia Muster and Rita Kluesner.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, April 10, 2026 at St. John's Catholic Church in Leopold, MO with parish prayers at 7 pm followed by a K of C Rosary.

A Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Saturday, April 11, 2026 at St. John's Catholic Church in Leopold, MO with the Father Vincent Joseph VC officiating.

Burial will be at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Leopold.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 .

Online condolences may be made at fordandlileyfuneralhome.com .

Ford Liley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Catholic Cemtery

Leopold, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Saint Johns Church
16768 Main Street
Leopold, MO 63760
(573) 238-3300

Funeral Mass

APR **11**. 10:00 AM.

St. John's Catholic Church in Leopold, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Angel's Embrace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Vandeven.*



April 10 at 12:36 PM



“ *From Tim Justice and family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helen Louise Vandeven.*



From Tim Justice and family. - April 10 at 10:51 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Vandeven.*



April 09 at 04:55 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen Louise Vandeven.*

April 09 at 04:55 PM

AF

“ Aunt Sherry and Uncle Floyd purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Helen Louise Vandeven.



Aunt Sherry and Uncle Floyd - April 09 at 09:52 AM

LC

“ Love Angie, Julie, and Christine purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Helen Louise Vandeven.



Love Angie, Julie, and Christine - April 09 at 05:58 AM

LC

“ Love Angie, Julie, and Christine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Louise Vandeven.

Love Angie, Julie, and Christine - April 09 at 05:58 AM

NJ

“ NuWay Concrete Forms- Jackson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Helen Louise Vandeven.



NuWay Concrete Forms- Jackson - April 08 at 03:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Vandeven.*



April 08 at 01:51 PM



“ *Your friends at Greencastle Alt. Fuels purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Helen Louise Vandeven.*



Your friends at Greencastle Alt. Fuels - April 08 at 01:42 PM



“ *Matt Burton & Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Helen Louise Vandeven.*



Matt Burton & Family - April 08 at 11:43 AM



“ *Matt Burton & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Louise Vandeven.*

Matt Burton & Family - April 08 at 11:43 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss*

Larry & Janice Norman - April 08 at 11:29 AM