



Delores Helfrich Schroeder

December 27, 1932 - August 12, 2025

With sadness in our hearts, Delores Mary Weinzapfel Helfrich Schroeder, age 92, passed peacefully at Deaconess Hospital Midtown Campus on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Delores was born on December 27, 1932, in Anderson, Indiana, to the late Alphons and Elma (Bassemier) Weinzapfel. She was a proud member of the Mater Dei class of 1950, the first graduating class of Mater Dei High School. She maintained a close friendship with many of her classmates. Delores worked at Old National Bank, Reis Catering, Woolco, Hills, and Venture, but her most important job was being a mother to her children. Delores was a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vanderburgh County; she was active in her prayer group and the Cursillo movement and volunteered her time to distribute communion to the homebound members of her church.

Surviving Delores are two daughters, Deborah Collins and Donna (Brett) Stucke; sons, William (Shannon Donovan) Helfrich, Robert (Kabreea Baumgart) Helfrich, and Brian (Erin Donovan) Helfrich; grandchildren, Christopher Collins, John "Jay" Busan, Andrew, Matthew (Hope), Margaret "Maisie" (Michael Cantner) Helfrich, Elizabeth "Bess" Helfrich, Katherine "Katie" Helfrich, Jeffrey Helfrich, Patrick (fiancée, Amy Bubala) Helfrich, Robert "Robbie" (Julia) Helfrich, Joseph Helfrich, Adam Helfrich, Dustin Lindsay, Logan (Ashley) Morton, and Dalton Lemond, and great

grandchildren, Allen Collins, Nicholas and Braelynn Clark, Asher and Maren Morton, Nyx and Hemera Lemond and Robert "Bo" Helfrich. Also surviving Delores are her sister, Rosemary Hicks; brothers, Alphons "Al" (Darlene) Weinzapfel, Jr and Thomas Weinzapfel, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Delores was preceded in death by her first husband and the father of her children, William Helfrich in 1993; by a second husband, Donald Schroeder in 2019; a son-in-law, Jim Collins in 2022 and by a brother-in-law, Jim Hicks in 2008.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vanderburgh County, Rev. Eugene Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Church cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a rosary recited at 7:00 PM. Friends may also visit with the family from 9:00 AM until service time on Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6202 W. St. Joseph Road.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Church Cemetery

6202 W. St. Joseph Road
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 423-6471
info@pierrefuneralhome.com
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

Rosary

AUG 15. 7:00 PM (CT)

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AUG **16**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (County)
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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Delores Helfrich Schroeder*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 14, 2025 at 01:33 PM

SW

*Dear Debbie, Donna, Bob, Bill & Brian,
So sorry to hear of your Mom's death. I enjoyed getting to know her a bit at St. Joe. I'm really sorry that I will not be able to come to the funeral. Please know that you are all in my prayers.
Sister Rose Wildeman*

Sr. Rose Wildeman - August 15, 2025 at 07:45 PM

ST

Dear Debbie, Donna, Bill, Bob, and Brian, my heart, love and prayers goes out to each of you. I just heard about Mom Helfrich. I loved her so much she is the sweetest, loving, kind, person I know. Not enough words to properly describe her. I will always cherish the wonderful memories I have with Mom and all of you guys. God needed His Angel home. I am truly sorry and heart broken that I cannot be there with you all during this time. I will be there in prayer and spirit. I will always remember and love Mom Helfrich and the whole family. I thank God I got to know and be present with this beautiful family. Love always, Shelia Jorgensen Thomas.

Shelia Jorgensen Thomas - August 16, 2025 at 07:24 AM

MW

*Sending you greetings from all of us who so enjoyed seeing dear Delores at the Weinzaepflen/Weinzapfel Reunion! Our paths have touched very few times over the years but every meeting was full of Delores' smile and love! Just think of all that love that YOU now carry forth! Be blessed and sorry we can't be there today.
Sister Marion Weinzapfel, csj*

Marion Weinzapfel - August 16, 2025 at 11:32 AM

CC

“ What a sweet woman! She was wonderful. I was so blessed to have her in my life as a young person. - Cheryl Lagenour Cobb

Cheryl Ann Cobb - January 30 at 03:48 PM

CF

“ My condolences to Delores' family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto Delores, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~



Cathy (Weiss) Funkhouser - August 19, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Delores Helfrich Schroeder.

August 18, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Delores Helfrich Schroeder.*



August 18, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ *To the family, Sorry for your loss, I remember your mom from St Joe as I was growing up. She was always smiling, and was a very gracious lady.*

Jane Pfettscher Garrett

Jane Garrett - August 16, 2025 at 11:11 AM



“ *We met Delores probably at Jim and Debbie's wedding rehearsal so many years ago. Soon we knew her as Grandma DeeDee. We had many opportunities to see her again throughout the years. She was always welcoming, engaging and never without a smile. She had a full life and now may she rest in peace. We are blessed to have known her. She will always be remembered fondly. With sympathy, Joe and Kathy Collins*

Kathy Collins - August 15, 2025 at 11:32 AM

BH

“ I refer to your mom as “Mom #2”. She and your family have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. Transporting me to 4-H and Jr Leader events. Mater Dei events... ball games, rallies, Pom-pom try outs and probably some church events that were outside of walking or biking distance from St Joe Church. She ALWAYS had time for us and ALWAYS wore a beautiful smile. I have enjoyed every one of your family events that I had the privilege of attending. Lots of laughter, love and camaraderie. She will definitely be missed by so many people whose lives she has touched over her beautiful 92 years. I LOVE the Helfrich family... my brothers and sisters by another mother! May your mom rest in peace and may you find comfort that she has no more pain, no more carrying oxygen with her 24/7. Until we see our parents again in eternal life... God bless and be with the Helfrich’s always. 💕💕💕
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Brenda Hosick - August 15, 2025 at 10:44 AM

LJ

“ Love, Kathy and Joe purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Delores Helfrich Schroeder.



Love, Kathy and Joe - August 15, 2025 at 09:40 AM

JB

“ John B. purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Delores Helfrich Schroeder.



John B. - August 14, 2025 at 07:08 PM

BO

“ *My mom was the best! She love us all unconditionally! She prayed for us, with us and over us! She spanked us when we needed it! Fought in our favor always! Always fed us wonderful meals on a shoestring budget! Basically, best mom in the world! And always had a smile that said "I love you!"*

Bob - August 14, 2025 at 06:54 PM

IB

To Delores family, She was everything that you would expect in a friend ! She was as Sweet on the outside as in the inside!We enjoyed traveling with her and Don, Railroading on the Rockies, so much fun !! Loved them both, RIP our dear friends!! Richard and Imogene Baehl

Imogene Baehl - August 15, 2025 at 11:19 AM

SA

“ *My sympathy to all of Delores' family. She and Marlene Hasselbrink brought Holy Communion to my mother, Theresa Arnold, when she was homebound. Mom enjoyed the time and company. They also talked with my brother John. Delores had an invectious smile that made everything seem better. Surely she is in the loving hands of the Father.
Peace and blessings,
Sister Bridget*

Sister Bridget Arnold - August 14, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ 167 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 14, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to all of Delores' family and friends. Her smile was contagious and as beautiful as her soul. Peace Delores and to you all.

Chris & Paul Schapker

Chris Schapker - August 14, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ I extend my sincere sympathy to Delores' family, especially to her brother and sister-in-law, Al and Darlene, who were my classmates at Mater Dei. I can tell that Delores was a joy to be around and lived a full life and if I can make it to 92, I will consider that a long life. May your good memories sustain you through the difficult days ahead and may God's peace be with all of you!

Patty (Wolf) Egbert - August 14, 2025 at 06:26 AM

MR

“ My favorite aunt, Delores Helfrich Schroeder, passed away this morning.

Delores had a full life of almost ninety years in the West Side of Evansville and she has seen many changes in her life. We always enjoyed her company and she lived her life fully with us watching her favorite baseball team St. Louis Cardinals with her on TV and an occasional road trip to Busch Stadium (in spite of her age)! She had many blessings in her life and she enjoyed it very much till her final moments.

We shall miss her and remember her fondly.



Michael Reis - August 13, 2025 at 06:58 PM