



## Marilyn Zink Doepker

September 3, 1928 - November 8, 2021

Marilyn Zink Doepker, 93, of 232 N. Fourth Street, Towanda, PA, passed away peacefully on November 8, 2021, following a brief illness. Marilyn was born in Ottawa, Ohio, on September 3, 1928, to Edward and Agnes Zink, and was the youngest of four children. Marilyn was a graduate of Glandorf High School (Ohio) and Corning Community College (NY) with an RN degree. She married the love of her life, Marine Sergeant Robert L. Doepker, in 1947 and their marriage was blessed with five successful children. Their union was a long and happy one that lasted 63 years until the death of her husband in 2011. Marilyn was a devoted wife and mother who moved multiple times as Bob was promoted for his Chemical Engineering job, which culminated in a transfer to GTE Sylvania in Towanda, PA. Following Bob's retirement in 1984, Bob and Marilyn enjoyed spending their winter months in Panama City Beach, Florida.

Marilyn was a member of SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church and the Towanda Country Club. Marilyn will be deeply missed by her five children: Diane Doepker Holihan, Ph.D., and husband Richard Holihan, Ph.D., of Tallahassee, FL; Mary Jo Doepker Wolfe, M.S., and husband Robert Wolfe, Ph.D., of Coudersport, PA; Bobette Doepker Ward, M.D., and husband Timothy Ward, M.D., of Pittsburgh, PA; Ann Doepker Klassen, ARNP, of Tallahassee, FL; and Paul Doepker M.B.A., and wife, Susan Pegher Doepker, M.S., of Ridgeley, WV. Grandchildren include Dane Holihan, Danna Holihan Deschner, John Marshall, Brenda Marshall Wahlers, M.D., Samantha Ward Solic, Carly Ward

Bahmaie, Zachary Ward, Ryan Ward, Tim Ward, Maeve Ward, M.D., Rosemary Klassen, M.D., Mitchell Doepker, Christine Doepker, M.D., and Jack Doepker. Marilyn also leaves 13 great grandchildren.

The family would also like to recognize Father Ed Michelini, a kind and caring priest who went to great lengths to visit our mother often; wonderful neighbors Allen and Midge Kershner, who never hesitated to frequently check on Mom, and Robert Brenner, an attentive neighbor and Marguerite and Ken Shaner who faithfully visited every week. Finally, a sincere thank you to Lisa Leone, Mom's caregiver, who gave our family total peace-of-mind in our absence.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday, November 12th at 11:00 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Third St. Towanda, PA. Interment will follow in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, North Towanda Township, PA. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to Saints Peter and Paul Church, 106 Third St. Towanda, PA 18848 in memory of Marilyn Zink Doepker. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery

30 James Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church  
106 Third Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn Zink Doepker*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Marilyn Zink Doepker*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Marilyn Zink Doepker*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Marilyn Zink Doepker*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Marilyn Zink Doepker*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

JS

“ You all have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your beautiful mother, who I remember as Aunt Marilyn. I remember when you used to come and visit Grandma Lavina, that I would ask my mom (Anna Mae) if that was the family with the pretty mom and all those kids? LOL We lost touch over all these years, as our lives have taken us in many directions and numerous locations. Maybe someday we will see each other again, before we see each other in heaven with our departed family.  
Joyce Kuhlman Smith

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**Joyce Kuhlman Smith** - January 18, 2022 at 04:34 PM

AM

“ Allen Mansfield purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marilyn Zink Doepker.



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**Allen Mansfield** - November 11, 2021 at 02:08 PM

KL

“ Heaven has gained a new angel! My sincerest condolences go out to the family



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**Kathryn LeStrange** - November 11, 2021 at 01:07 PM

MM

“ Dear Doepker Family: Please accept my sincerest sympathy on your loss. I will remember your mom who would acknowledge me (and others) with a kind word and always a smile on her face. She was a quiet lady but with so much inner strength and devotion to her faith. RIP, Marilyn.

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**Mary Kay Ward - Monroeton** - November 11, 2021 at 12:04 PM

DD

“ Aunt Diane, Uncle Dick, and the Doepker family,

We are praying for Marilyn and your whole family. "Eternal rest grant unto Marilyn, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen"

*Douglas and Maureen Dufresne*

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**Douglas & Maureen Dufresne** - November 11, 2021 at 11:10 AM

CL

“ My deepest sympathy in your loss. I remember your Mom fondly.



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**Claire Martin- Lizon** - November 11, 2021 at 09:06 AM

JF

“ Sincere condolences to Marilyn's family. Although she will be missed, she and Bob are again happily joined.

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**John Fedorchak** - November 11, 2021 at 09:05 AM

RH

“ Dear Diane and family:

*My sincere condolence at the passing of your dear mother and grandmother. I know that Marilyn lived a long and productive life. While she will be sadly missed by her family and many friends, you may all rest in the knowledge that she passed quickly and hopefully painlessly to be in the presence of the Lord, and once again united with her beloved Bob.*

*May God grant you all peace and comfort in this time of sadness.*

*Ray Holihan*

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**Ray Holihan** - November 10, 2021 at 05:40 PM

TK

“ *Marilyn was a very beautiful person. So sorry to hear of her passing. I remember visiting her and Bob when I was very young. They were always so nice to me. Thinking of you. Tony Kaufman and Pam Heringhaus . We were Children of Blanche and Stan Kaufman*

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**Tony Kaufman** - November 10, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Zink Doepker.*



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November 10, 2021 at 10:41 AM