



Stephanie Lynne Schimmels

August 17, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that the family of Stephanie Lynne Schimmels, 71, of Milwaukee, announces she went home to be with the Lord. She always offered support, wisdom and love in abundance, and passed away peacefully at home surrounded by love on Saturday, August 17, 2024, after a long and beautifully lived life. Born June 1953 in Milwaukee to Virginia (Klamecki) and Stephen Susienka, Stephanie committed her life to her own children as well as the children that she worked with as a handicap children's assistant at Hamilton High School for 26 years, coaching Special Olympics, organizing events, and ensuring their safety to and from school as the School Bus Director.

She was faithful, funny, witty, passionate, creative, and devoted to her children and grandchildren. An avid collector, she had a heightened appreciation for the beauty and importance of all things. She thoughtfully and perfectly found worth in everyday items others would not consider important, and her beautiful mind and attention to detail showed through in everything she did. Her empathetic presence was palpable in how she touched the lives of others. A dedicated mother and nana, she adopted her grandson, Declan, and has raised him since infancy. With her strong faith in God, she loved attending Jackson Park Lutheran Church where Declan sang weekly. How she enjoyed hearing him sing and play the piano, violin, and guitar. Her pride in Declan, her children, and grandchildren radiated with pure joy.

Survived by her children: JoEllen Schimmels and husband Manny Griego; Thaddeus Schimmels and wife Jamie; Meghan Sedlar and husband Scott; Declan Schimmels; grandchildren Mariah, Kaleb, Lauren, Robby, Kenley, and Jaxon who joyfully referred to her as nana; her dog, Miss Mousey; family, and friends. While our hearts mourn her loss, we take comfort in knowing she is no longer suffering.

Stephanie was predeceased by her parents, Virginia and Stephen Susienka and her son, Eric Schimmels.

Stephanie was forever faithful and is enjoying her place in heaven. She had a huge, generous, and loyal heart, will be greatly missed, and will always be our hero.

In lieu of flowers the family asks to please donate to the Jackson Park Lutheran Church.

We celebrate a life rich in love, resilience, and profound impact on others at her Memorial Service Saturday, August 31st at JACKSON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH (4535 W. Oklahoma Ave). With visitation from 12:00 – 2:00 pm proceeding the service at 2:00 pm.

Please share memories/photos below. The family would very much appreciate it.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **31**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Park Lutheran Church
4535 W Oklahoma Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53219

Memorial Service

AUG **31**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Milwaukee, WI 53219

Tribute Wall

KB

“ I remember Stephanie through my HS years.. I also remember doing Special Olympics with her with another gym teacher.. She definitely had a great smile and love for the special ed department.. RIP Stephanie!!

Kelly Bruss - September 14, 2024 at 09:22 PM

WG

“ I did not Stephanie very long, about a year, when my grandkids started confirmation class with Declan. From when I did have the pleasure of speaking with her, she was very nice, pleasant and friendly. Always willing to help and answer questions and I could see how much joy and love she had when she was watching Declan do his thing by singing and playing instruments during church. She was a very proud momma. She will be missed.

Wendi G - September 04, 2024 at 11:41 AM

PF

“ Pat Galaska and Family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Stephanie Lynne Schimmels.



Pat Galaska and Family - August 29, 2024 at 03:02 PM

MD

“ MPD HOMICIDE DIVISION planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephanie Lynne Schimmels.

MPD HOMICIDE DIVISION - August 28, 2024 at 08:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephanie Lynne Schimmels.*



August 28, 2024 at 08:39 PM



“ *I knew both Stephanie and Declan from Jackson Park Lutheran church and they were very friendly people. They welcomed me into the church with open arms. I will miss her so much*

Clare Scheuerell - August 28, 2024 at 08:32 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy on Stephanie's passing. I've known Stephanie for the past 24 years with a business relationship. She took care of sorting and mailing my marketing materials. I last saw her 6 months ago and I'm sad to learn of her passing. I knew her as a sincere and kind person.*

Karl Krueger - August 27, 2024 at 07:19 PM



“ *Lisa and Tom Breitrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephanie Lynne Schimmels.*

Lisa and Tom Breitrick - August 27, 2024 at 06:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephanie Lynne Schimmels.*



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“ *So sorry for the loss of Stephanie, we were cousins and enjoyed many happy memories on our grandparents farm in Ino WI. when we were children. To Stephanie's family you are all in my thoughts and prayers .*

Ruth Romanowich - August 26, 2024 at 03:55 PM



“ *Your mom was the most selfless, generous and thoughtful person I have ever met. She always thought of others over herself! She took great joy in giving to others which brought joy to herself❤️ I will always cherish our years together at Hamilton as well as our many road trips to Stevens Point and Oshkosh with Special Olympics. RIP my dear friend🙏*

Lisa Breitrick - August 24, 2024 at 02:40 PM