



Marceline J. Luca-Downie

June 3, 1934 - September 21, 2025

Marceline J. Luca-Downie, age 91, went into the loving arms of Jesus after a brief illness, on the afternoon of Sunday September 21, 2025.

Marcie was born June 3, 1934 in Lorain, Ohio in a house four doors down from Holy

Trinity Church. She attended Holy Trinity Church and Grade School as a youth and was a 1952 graduate of St. Mary's Academy. She furthered her education with classes at Lorain County Community College as an adult.

Throughout her life, she resided in Cleveland, Avon Lake, and Lorain. In her early adult life, Marcie worked as an interviewer for the Ohio State Employment Office, as a long-distance operator for the Lorain Telephone Company, and as an office clerk for Magic Chef/Stove Works. In 1981, she began employment with the Lorain Board of Education. There, she served as a secretary at the Lorain City Schools Print Shop, as a school secretary at Lorain Southview High School, and as registration and records secretary at the Charleston Administration Building. She retired in 2009.

In her retirement, Marcie enjoyed working for Jean Tishma at the Village Resale Shop.

Marcie was very active in numerous community organizations. She was a Girl Scout

Leader for Troop 603 of the Erie Shores Council at St. Anthony School for many years. She was a member of St. Ann's Lodge, Branch #114 of the First Slovak Catholic Ladies Union, Jednota Branch #228, and the American Slovak Home.

During her journey with breast cancer in 2000, she belonged to the support group Bosom Buddies. Marcie was a member of the Lorain Schools Retired Secretaries Group. She belonged to the Lorain Senior Center and the YMCA in Avon. She was also a member of the French Creek YMCA, supplying countless items to the needy through the Caps and Laps Knitting Group.

A devout Catholic all her life, Marcie enjoyed membership in two parishes as an adult.

She was a member of St. Teresa of Avila Church in Sheffield Village when her brother, Rev. Fr. Edward Luca, JCD served as pastor in the 1990s. She was a greeter at the 11a.m. Mass and was a member of their Altar and Rosary Society. In 2013, she returned to St. Anthony of Padua Church, where she was a member of the Marian Guild (Vice President in 2016) and the Paduan Travelers. She had a special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and frequented Our Lady of the Lake Chapel. She was also a Cursillista, making Cursillo #171.

Marcie enjoyed reading, shopping, knitting, puzzles, casino junkets, traveling, working in her yard, baking specialty cakes, and walking. She loved having a house full of family and friends and they looked forward to her pizzelles, chocolate chip cookies, and Slovak creations!

She was a devoted friend. Years ago, she was a nanny for the Mackin Family –Margie, Kathy, Carol, Anthony, Pat, and John. She held a special place in her heart for each of them and their dad, Patrick Mackin who was a classmate at St. Mary's Academy. Late in life, she rekindled a friendship with Karl Kalivoda,

another St. Mary's classmate. She and Karl loved to take day trips around the area and spent time together doing all sorts of crafts. They delighted in gifting their creations to others.

Marcie's family was her greatest joy and she cherished them all! She is survived by her children - Timothy H. Downie of Lynnwood, Washington and Maureen T. Slaven (Mark) of Wheaton, Illinois; her grandchildren – Brian H. Downie (Maddy), Sarah Luca Slaven, Quinn Downie, and twins Anthony and Joseph Slaven; her brother – Raymond J. Luca (Maggi) of Springfield, Virginia; and many cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Marcie was preceded in death by her parents – Mary Ann (nee Stohla) and John Frank Luca; and her siblings – Fr. Edward Luca, JCD and Bernadette (Albert) Robertson.

Visitation will be observed on Monday October 6, 2025 in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church – 1305 East Erie Avenue in Lorain from 10:00 a.m. until her Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Edward Smith, Pastor of the parish will serve as celebrant. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the Seattle Lighthouse for the Blind.

To share your memories and condolences with Marcie's family, please visit Marceline's tribute page at www.gluvnashimohromada.com

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

555 N Ridge Rd
Lorain, OH 44053
<https://clecem.org/Cemeteries/CalvaryLorain.aspx>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
1305 E Erie Ave
Lorain, OH 44052
<http://www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish>

Funeral Mass

OCT 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
1305 E Erie Ave
Lorain, OH 44052
<http://www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish>

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ My precious friend, I have been so blessed to have you in my life. You shared your love of St. Therese and it has been such a gift in my life, as you have.
I know you are with her in heaven now. I will love you always.

Sue Jesko - October 03, 2025 at 08:50 AM

RL

“ Ray, Laura, Dan and Brian Luca purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Marceline J. Luca-Downie.



Ray, Laura, Dan and Brian Luca - September 30, 2025 at 07:56 PM

RL

“ Ray, Laura, Dan and Brian Luca planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marceline J. Luca-Downie.

Ray, Laura, Dan and Brian Luca - September 30, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marceline J. Luca-Downie.



September 29, 2025 at 10:48 AM

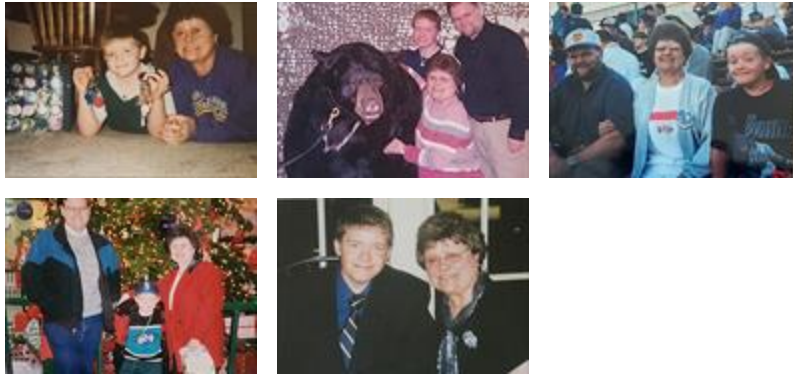


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September 29, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ Thanks Grandma Marcie for always showing me and everyone around you so much love! You were such a blessing to the world and you still will be as your life and memories continue to live on through all of us ❤️



Brian Downie - September 28, 2025 at 08:26 PM



“ Debbie T. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Marceline J. Luca-Downie.



Debbie T. - September 24, 2025 at 11:58 AM

TD

“ *Some pictures old, some new*



Tim Downie - September 24, 2025 at 01:34 AM

AS

“ *I love you so much grandma. Visiting Ohio will never be the same without your pizelles, cookies, and other surprise desserts. I will forever cherish the memories of you making me and Joe custom cakes for each of our birthdays, going to drug mart/chapman's, and playing the pickle game, as well as the countless other memories. Keep being a yellow Lego brick, and I hope you have peace reuniting with everyone up in heaven! ❤️*



Anthony Slaven - September 23, 2025 at 10:12 PM

JR

“*Marcie was a beautiful, caring, loving person, who we all loved. She had a laugh that was contagious and made everyone laugh with her. Rest in peace Marcie*

Joan and Tony Raymond - September 23, 2025 at 09:43 PM

WL

“*Marcie and my mom, Bonnie Dunkle, were great friends for most of their adult lives. Marcie and my mom loved to play games together and met regularly to do so. Many times I would call to talk to my mom only to hear Marcie in the background saying hello and being genuinely happy to quickly catch up on my life. My mom and Marcie laughed so much together and would get the giggles that brought them to tears. What a gift to find a friend like this! I am so grateful that we were neighbors and that she continued to be in our lives. She was so special to me. Sending gentle peace to her children and grandchildren.*



Wendy Lumsdaine - September 23, 2025 at 05:23 PM

TD

Thank you Wendy! Our Mom's shared an amazingly strong bond. Both endured so many challenges and joys together. It was like the bond that shipwrecked sailors or soldiers in the trenches have. However deep their discussion, they would bring it around to laughter. Laughing so hard they cried. That is a gift. My daughter and I visited Mom in April and one day we walked the Brookfield neighborhood. Such great memories there. -Tim Downie

Tim Downie - September 24, 2025 at 01:09 AM

DT

Marcie will always hold a special place in my heart. I will be forever thankful for all she did for Maureen and how she made me feel so welcome. She was truly an angel sent by God. I know she is where she wants to be, with the Lord and old friends. Love Lou & Debbie Tomsic

Debbie Tomsic - September 24, 2025 at 11:42 AM