



Cecile Rucks

December 11, 1944 - April 11, 2026

Cecile Rucks, age 81, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2026, at Frontida Assisted Living in Kimberly, surrounded by the love of her family. She was born on December 11, 1944, to Clemens and Laura (Nowicki) Drover.

On October 5, 1963, Cecile was united in marriage to Louis E. Rucks at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Berlin. Together they built a life centered on faith and family until Louis's passing in 2017. Cecile's career was marked by her service to the Berlin community, working as a telephone operator and later spending 25 years sharing her love of nature at Jansen's Floral , Berlin Greenhouse and the Lady Bug.

Her true calling, however, was her tireless advocacy for animals. As a founding volunteer of the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter (GLAAS), Cecile worked long before a building existed, caring for animals in barns and fundraising to build the shelter that stands today. Her compassion continued through "Crazy Cat Ladies," a mission she co-founded to rescue, spay, neuter, and find forever homes for unhoused cats. Her own home was a constant sanctuary for any feline in need.

Cecile's spirit of service extended to "Friends of the Park" and the choir at All Saints Catholic Parish. An avid gardener, she found joy in everything that grew. Above all, she was her family's greatest cheerleader, never missing a sports game, dance recital, music concert or cheer competition.

Cecile's family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the caretakers, nurses, and fellow residents of Frontida Assisted Living in Kimberly. You

became her second family, and we are forever thankful for the dedication, friendship and genuine care you showed her during her time there. We also wish to thank Compassus Hospice for the gentle comfort and peace they provided Cecile in her final days..

She is survived by her children, Randolph (Teresa) Rucks, Rebecca (Todd) Voeltner, and Regina (Scott) Hoffmann; grandchildren, Taylor Rucks, Hannah Voeltner, Emma Rucks, and Samuel Rucks; and great-grandson, Harper Petit. She is further survived by her sisters, Mary (James) Kerr and Helen (Don) Piekarski; sister-in-law, Karen (Dave) Tetske; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Louis; and siblings, Dennis, Ellison, Paul, Fredrick, Joseph, Elizabeth, Barbara, and Linda; other relatives and many friends.

A funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday April 24, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at All Saints Catholic Parish of Berlin with Father William Kearley officiating. Family and friends may visit with the family at church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the mass.

Inurnment will be held at St. Michael Catholic Cemetery at a later time.

In place of flowers, a memorial has been established in Cecile's memory.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery

Berlin, WI 54923

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Parish
N8566 WI-49
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-5252

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cecile Rucks*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - April 19 at 03:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecile Rucks.*



April 23 at 12:47 PM



“ *Austin & Camille Baeten purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Cecile Rucks.*



Austin & Camille Baeten - April 22 at 11:58 AM



“ *Austin & Camille Baeten planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cecile Rucks.*

Austin & Camille Baeten - April 22 at 11:58 AM

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“ Sisters Mary and Helen purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Cecile Rucks.



Sisters Mary and Helen - April 20 at 04:49 PM

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“ Sisters Mary and Helen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cecile Rucks.

Sisters Mary and Helen - April 20 at 04:49 PM

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“ Amcor Engineering Team purchased the With Distinction for the family of Cecile Rucks.



Amcor Engineering Team - April 20 at 12:20 PM

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“ Amcor Engineering Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cecile Rucks.

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