



Maxine L. Oberdorfer Vaccarello

July 9, 1933 - June 10, 2025

Maxine Leone Oberdorfer Vaccarello, age 91, went to be with the Lord on June 10, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, faith and kindness.

She was born July 9, 1933 in Crystal Falls, Michigan, daughter of the late James and Melba (Erickson) Urban. Max was a lifelong resident of the area and graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1951. She married Robert Oberdorfer on Dec. 6, 1952 at St. Mary & St. Joseph Church in Iron Mountain. He preceded her in death in 1996. She worked for Michigan Bell early in her career and later dedicated over 25 years of service to Shopko. She was also employed as a patient services receptionist at DCHS for several years. After retirement, Maxine remained active in several community groups including the Women's Club, Golden K, and the Red Hat Society.

Later in life, Maxine married Steve Vaccarello on July 7, 2012, and he preceded her in death on April 17, 2015.

Maxine was a woman of deep faith whose heart radiated God's light to everyone she met. She had a remarkable gift for caregiving, always putting others before herself. Her adventurous spirit, love of reading, and ability to live each day to the fullest left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was a talented cook who brought people together through meals and memories.

Maxine's legacy will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her.

She is survived by her three children, Mike (Debbie) Oberdorfer of Kingsford, Rob (Darcy) Oberdorfer of Cedar Springs, MI, and Jody (Steve) Marek of Kingsford; a daughter-in-law, Lauri Oberdorfer of Kingsford; one stepson, Peter (Lena) Vaccarello of New Hampshire, Illinois; 11 grandchildren, Jennifer (Matt) Meekhof, Justin (Natalie) Oberdorfer, Jaime (Ian) Powell, Angela (Jesse) DeBaker, Luke Oberdorfer (Paige), Michelle (Dave) Wolf, Amanda (Mike) Heidtman, Stephanie (Dustin) Sotka, Kali (Stuart) Haas, Kendahl Oberdorfer, and Kyle (Kendra) Oberdorfer; and 22 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was also preceded in death by a son, Daniel Oberdorfer, and two great-grandchildren, Gordon Alexander Wolf and Ellie Mae Haas.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 am on July 7, 2025 at the First Covenant Church in Iron Mountain. Memorial services will follow at 11:00 am at the church with Pastor Chad Harrison officiating. Burial in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Covenant Church or St. Judes Hospital.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Maxine Oberdorfer Vaccarello online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Covenant Church
125 East H Street
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

BG

“ *Billy and Denise Guth purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maxine L. Oberdorfer Vaccarello.*



Billy and Denise Guth - July 07, 2025 at 06:43 AM

LP

“ *Blessed are we to have shared the selfless love and joy of Maxine. She is truly one of the most awe inspiring woman our families have ever known. I pray you find comfort and peace as we lift our hearts on her journey to the Lord. Linda Pilot*

Linda Pilot - July 06, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Maxine L. Oberdorfer Vaccarello.*



July 03, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maxine L. Oberdorfer Vaccarello.*

July 03, 2025 at 12:18 PM

MN

“ I first met Max at her Cursillo, several years ago. I had the honor of sitting next to her at Table. Maxine had a presence of stability in her faith, love of her family and acceptance of others. I always had a sense of being home when we would bump into each other and catch up. Max’s friendship will always remain in my heart as a gift from Christ. 🕊

Marsha Nurmela - July 01, 2025 at 06:58 PM

JB

“ I’ve only known Max for a short time. She was always a warm pleasant woman. I will miss seeing her around the Tidewater grounds. God Bless Max.



jean braun - June 29, 2025 at 08:52 PM

BC

“ Bruce C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maxine L. Oberdorfer Vaccarello.

Bruce C. - June 28, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maxine L. Oberdorfer Vaccarello.



June 28, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maxine L. Oberdorfer Vaccarello.

June 28, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ I am so very sorry to her of your mom's passing. I have so many great memories growing up from her and your dad. I will miss seeing her and catching up when she would stop in at my work. Sending you all prayers during this difficult time.

Becky

Becky Trulock - June 26, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ We are so sorry to learn of your mom's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Brian and Linda

Linda Zittergruen - June 26, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ She was a special lady. So sorry for your loss.



Mary Jo Trepanier - June 26, 2025 at 08:44 AM