



Wilma Mary Pechan

February 10, 1944 - May 1, 2025

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2/10/1944 - 5/1/2025

"BE NOT AFRAID"

Preceded in death by husband of 55 years, Del Pechan; parents Bill and Clara Breyen; siblings Richard, David and Donald Breyen; son, Keith Pechan; son-in-law, Tom Josephson Jr.

Survived by daughter, Angie (Mark) Lindsey; son Craig (Jess) Pechan; grandchildren Ashley (Nick) Pechan, Jon (Ashley) Lindsey; Kristy (Ben) Kocon; 11 great grandchildren, Mckenna, Rylynn, Alexis, Gracie, Payton, Trevor, Abby, Declan, Kreed, Kassius and Scarlett; many nieces and nephews.

Wilma's love for God, family and friends was immeasurable and unconditional. Her strong faith gave her the grace to handle whatever she faced.

Mass of Christian burial, August 23rd, 2025 at the Church of St. Stephen, Anoka.

10:00 Visitation

11:00 Mass

Wilma was a very kind and spiritual woman who made friends easily. When

Wilma befriended you, you had a friend for life.

Wilma was born in 1944 in Anoka, MN to William and Clara Breyen. She grew up on the Breyen homestead in Nowthen (then Burns Township) which she and her brothers were the third generation on the family farm which goes back to the turn of the 20th century. She went to Anoka High School and graduated in 1962.

After high school she became a secretary and worked for the Cornelius Company in Anoka where she ended up meeting Del Pechan. Del was a widower from Brainerd that had two children, Craig and Keith, from his previous marriage. They hit it off and married in 1967 and settled in Anoka. In 1970, they had Angie.

After working at Cornelius, she did home day care for awhile and then took a job working for Anoka Hennipen Independent School District #11. She worked as a secretary for Hoover Elementary as well as for the Transportation Department at the district offices before finishing her career at Champlin Park High School for House IV.

Wilma was a very spiritual woman and was highly involved with the Catholic Church. She attended St. Stephen's Church in Anoka, St. Patrick's in Oak Grove and St. Katharine Drexel in Ramsey. She was a member of the choir. She was also a Stephen Minister and prayed and supported those in need as well as offering communion at hospitals and nursing homes in the area. She and Del were also involved in Marriage Encounter and taught confirmation in the Anoka area. She also served the Family Council at Camilia Rose when her mother was living there.

Outside of work and church, Wilma was in the Photography Club and won a trophy for her photo of the shadows over the farm fields of her family farmstead. She and Del were also involved in the Gourmet Club where she

learned new dishes and ideas. They were also members of the Anoka County Historical Society. Wilma was always willing to volunteer and help in any way she could.

Wilma was a social butterfly. She was quick to introduce herself and to make new friends. And as noted above, she impacted people with her thoughtfulness and kindness. She was fun and had a quick wit. Recently, prior to her death, she returned to her assisted living home in Ramsey after a short stay at Mercy Hospital. All of the staff clamored to see her and welcome her home. That is the kind of loving, impact she had on everyone she met. She will be greatly missed.

Special thank you to:

Fresenius Kidney Center Riverdale Staff
Suite Living Ramsey/Roxane B.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Catholic Church (Anoka)
525 Jackson Street
Anoka, MN 55303

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma was my aunt. After my dad death in 1988, she helped me more like a Mom! He was like a good friend also. We also laughed with each other! She showed me how to make best friends from Priest or Pastors. Being in Mistery now that meant so much to me! She would talk about a Priest from our past she just talked too on the phone, and how to pray about their needs. When I got married she took him in as a son! Even Del felt the same same way! That went so much to feel loved for my husband! She loved loved by both my kids. Her legacy is beautiful! I miss so much! I know some day in heaven it will be a good home coming to her again! Miss you Auntie, Mom, And friend. Love Michelle (Breyen) Carter*

.Michelle Carter - August 09, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ *I never knew Wilma very well, but enjoyed visiting with her when I did see her. They spent a night with us once when they came to attend a funeral in Perham, enjoyed the visit.*



Louise Trana - May 11, 2025 at 11:29 AM

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“ Wilma was my supervisor at Cornelius co in 1965. We both worked hard and laughed a lot. We both respected a fellow worker Del Pechan. His wife was very sick and wasn't expected to live. One day they both came to my door and told me they were dating. I was shocked but held my feelings back. When they left they told me they had glanced into our basement window and heard my shock as I slide down the refrigerator door to the floor. Now they had gotten thr reaction they had hoped for. My husband was the usher at there wedding and we shared many happy memories. But as time went by each of us went our own separate ways as we moved out of state. But we will never forget the happy days of our youth. May Wilma and Del rest in peace as they sing for Jesus in heaven.

sandy wickman - May 11, 2025 at 10:01 AM