



Victoria L. "Vicky" Nadler

April 5, 1947 - December 13, 2025

Dodgeville – Victoria “Vicky” Lucille Nadler (Meuer), age 78, of Dodgeville, passed away on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at St. Mary’s Hospital surrounded by family.

Vicky was born on April 5, 1947, daughter of Norbert and Ethel Meuer of Dodgeville, WI. She attended Dodgeville High School. In 1974, she met her husband, Merlin Nadler. Together they ran the A&W, hiring numerous Dodgeville area teens. In 1982, Merl and Vicky added to their A&W family with the birth of their daughter, Christy Ann Nadler.

Vicky loved spending time with family, especially her grandchildren Emily and Colton. She loved traveling with her friends, husband, and daughter. Together, they traveled to all parts of the United States during the winter months when A&W was closed. She enjoyed crafting, gardening and attending a variety of sporting events, cheering on the Badgers and most recently, the Oregon Panthers, watching her grandchildren. Vicky’s faith was important to her. She attended St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Dodgeville and was an active member of St. John’s Union Mills.

Vicky is survived by her daughter Christy (Mike) Schwartz; her grandchildren Emily and Colton Schwartz; her siblings Don (Carol) Meuer, Billy (Lois) Meuer, June (Jim) Paynter, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Merlin Nadler, siblings: James, Norbert Jr and Jo Anne Meuer, and Joanne and Richard Hugill.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville and from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass on Thursday at the church. Private family burial will held in Rock Lake Cemetery in Lake Mills.

In Lieu of Flowers, donations can be made to St. John's Union Mills or Dodgeville Area Scholarship Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Rock Lake Cemetery

359 West Pine Street
Lake Mills, WI 53551

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
400 East Grace Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533
(608) 935-5222
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
405 S. Dacotah Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Dodgeville, WI 53533

Tribute Wall

KB

“ I sent this to the Legacy page but will add it here. Kathy Becker Barr



Kathy Barr - December 28, 2025 at 06:18 PM

ED

*Vicky and I distant Meuer cousins, and I enjoyed the time spent with her on my genealogy trips to Dodgeville and Union Mills. She always had time to drive me around the area and to share her vast knowledge of our ancestors. She is shown in this photo with the authentic German dress I had made in Montabaur, Germany, prior to one of our Sespenroth, Germany, reunions. Sespenroth is an abandoned village near Montabaur, and it is an historical site where my Meuer and Eckenroth ancestors lived. Vicky and I hoped visitors to Union Mills would see what our ancestors wore for weddings and funerals. We will all miss Vicky but will see her again one day. God bless her family.
Kathy Becker Barr*

Ed - December 29, 2025 at 09:55 PM

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Ed Rosenthal - December 17, 2025 at 05:05 PM

ER

Among Vicky's many contributions, beyond her devotion to her family and her A&W extended family, was her commitment to preserving St. John's Union Mills Church. This historic church, constructed in 1871, stands as a testament to her dedication to maintaining the community's heritage and ensuring that future generations can appreciate its significance.

Ed Rosenthal - December 17, 2025 at 05:06 PM

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St. John's Donations may be sent to:

*Don Dochnahl, Treasurer
St. John's Union Mills Preservation
3865 Cty Q
Dodgeville, WI. 53533*

Ed Rosenthal - December 20, 2025 at 09:04 PM

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Reflections on "Vicky's Life"

Each person's life has a profound effect on those around them. When someone is absent, they leave a significant void in the lives of others. This reality highlights the interconnectedness of human relationships and the unique value every individual brings to their community.

One of the most beloved Christmas movies is "It's a Wonderful Life." This film serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of community, kindness, and hope—values that Vicky embodied, especially during the holiday season.

"Each man's life touches so many other lives, and when he isn't around, he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he, (plural for her)?" This captures the way Vicky's absence leaves a space that is deeply felt by those who knew her.

Cousin Ed

Ed Rosenthal - December 21, 2025 at 05:58 PM

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Ed Rosenthal - December 17, 2025 at 03:08 PM

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Vicky has a deep appreciation for history, especially when it comes to the local area. One particularly cherished memory involves visiting one of the old schools in the region. This experience stands out among many meaningful moments, highlighting the importance of preserving and understanding the stories tied to these historical sites.

Ed Rosenthal - December 17, 2025 at 03:16 PM

ME

“ *A&W was my first job and Merl and Vicky were hands down the best bosses I ever had. I looked forward to every spring getting the call asking to come back. And getting to work for them. I met so many amazing people because of them and that job. I would have worked a lifetime of summers with them. Sending all of their family and friends love and hugs. They are both missed beyond words.*

Meki - December 17, 2025 at 10:49 AM

JH

“ *Judy Hering planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Victoria L. "Vicky" Nadler.*

Judy Hering - December 17, 2025 at 09:54 AM

JH

“ Judy Hering purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Victoria L. "Vicky" Nadler.



Judy Hering - December 17, 2025 at 09:54 AM

MM

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Mike Meuer - December 16, 2025 at 12:39 AM

MM

Vicky, your life has been a beautiful testament to love and generosity, touching countless hearts and paving the way for future generations.

Mike Meuer - December 16, 2025 at 05:43 AM



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Joan Bennett - December 15, 2025 at 11:17 PM

KH

“ So sorry for your loss. I worked for many years with Merl and Vicki they were the kindest couple and made working at A&W a joy! My sincere sympathies.

Kathleen Halverson - December 15, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Victoria L. "Vicky" Nadler.



December 15, 2025 at 12:19 PM

JB

“ Merl & Vicky were always so welcoming of our Ring Game group when we came crowding into the A&W in our partial costumes and sweaty runny makeup. I'm sure they thought we were nuts (they weren't wrong), and yet they were so kind and welcoming. They and the A&W are sorely missed by the whole Ring Game community.
RIP

Jack Barker - December 15, 2025 at 10:20 AM

ME

That was by far all of our favorite days working at A&W. Vicky and Merl loved seeing everyone and looked forward to that day as much as the rest of us.

Meki - December 17, 2025 at 10:42 AM

DT

“ My sympathy to Christy and family. My daughter, Wendy Toay, worked at the A&W for several years. Your mom and dad did a great service hiring area youth. I also enjoyed enjoyed many meals there. I also enjoyed visiting with your mom back when Culvers had cards and bingo. May she Rest in Peace.



Donna Toay - December 15, 2025 at 08:24 AM

LS

“ Our deepest condolences for your loss.

Judy McGinley Family.



Lori McGinley Seyfferth - December 15, 2025 at 08:20 AM

RM

“ Extending my sympathy in your loss of Vicky. My husband and I had many good meals at the A & W and enjoyed her pleasant attitude with us as customers. Keep your treasured memories of this great lady. Rosalie May

Rosalie May - December 14, 2025 at 05:34 PM