



## Leah L. Schaede

February 9, 1943 - November 26, 2025

Leah Louanne Schaede, 82, of Loda Illinois, passed away peacefully on November 26, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Known for her quick humor, sharp mind, and feisty personality, Leah left an indelible mark on everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Born on February 9, 1943, in LaSalle, Illinois, to Louis and Lillian Dobovsky (née Klabel), Leah was raised in a multicultural home. She carried the cultural aspects of her Jewish heritage with pride, shaping her sense of family, tradition, and storytelling, while living life on her own terms—with humor, independence, and plenty of wit.

Leah graduated from LaSalle-Peru High School in 1961 and went on to attend LPO Junior College, where she met the love of her life, Franklin Bice Schaede.

They were married on March 1, 1963, and recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary—a testament to their enduring love, patience, and mutual appreciation for each other’s sense of humor.

Leah’s love language was “Acts of Service.” Cooking was her tangible way to express love, thoughtfulness, and nurturing. She especially enjoyed big Sunday dinners and holidays, where she would bring everyone together with

delicious food, laughter, and her signature wit. She delighted in sharing family stories, which always kept her listeners riveted and rolling with laughter for hours.

Leah was deeply devoted to her family and is survived by her loving husband, Franklin; her children, Christopher (Lisa) Schaede of Princeton, Sarah (Joseph) Santangelo of Eagan, Minnesota, and Gretchen (Matthew) Buckley of Petaluma, California. She is also survived by her four beloved grandchildren, Leah Rose (Jordan) Hickey, Nathan Edward (Kaitlyn) Schaede, Ava Lillian Santangelo, and Evan John Buckley; her brother Philip (Miriam) Dobovsky of Wisconsin and Florida; and her sister Sandra Tostovarsnik of Las Vegas. "Aunt B" will also be missed by her many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson Benjamin Schaede, nephews Louis Dobovsky and Douglas Dobovsky, brothers David Dobovsky and Jack Dobovsky, and brother-in-law William Schaede.

A private service for immediate family will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism. This reflects Leah's generous spirit and her lifelong commitment to supporting those around her.

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ My name is Melanie Grivetti Pasulka. I bought the Schaedes' home on Marquette St in La Salle. I just remember Leah going out of her way to make the transition as easy as possible for both of us! I was a teacher at St Hyacinth building a few blocks away so one of the senior teachers advised me that the house was for sale and I left school early to take a walk through. When school was over I called my children to come quickly and we agreed that the realtor should deliver our bid that evening. Three more buyers came to view the house by morning but they honored our first offer though no money had been exchanged. During the following weeks Leah met with the two of my four teenage children who promised to take care of the pool. They learned how to test the water and clean the pool( which they faithfully accomplished). Leah left all the home guarantees and names of furnace repairmen ( how grateful I was for Al and Bert!) By the time of the closing I was as sad as they were to see the Schaedes leave, so I was equally sad to see Leah's passing! Yet I am sure of God's gracious blessings upon her! She was a lovely lady!

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**Melanie Pasulka** - December 09, 2025 at 05:10 PM

MM

“ Frank, and Family, my sympathy on your loss,,I recall you talking about Leah during our days at Westclox.  
Mike Miglio

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**Mike Miglio** - December 02, 2025 at 07:25 PM

CD

“ We were so sorry to hear about Leah. Our condolences to all the family with love. Carolyn and Bill Darling

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**Carolyn Darling** - November 28, 2025 at 07:43 PM

LM

“ As one of her son’s friends, Leah was one of the most beautiful person in so many ways. She was always so welcoming to her home and no doubt one of the best cooks ever! She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Prayers for the family. Larry Mallett

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**Larry Mallett** - November 28, 2025 at 04:12 PM