



## Alice DeCou

July 28, 2022

DeCou, Alice;

Peacefully at Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, Chatham Campus on Thursday, July 28, 2022

Theresa Alice DeCou was born on October 23, 1945 the third child of a family of nine children.

Predeceased by her parents Jack and Anne De Cou, sisters Mary Anne Millson, Jean De Cou and brothers Gery and Joe De Cou and great niece Riley De Cou, and good friend Tom Bolton.

Survived by brothers Doug (Myrna), Lawrence (Kathy) and Paul De Cou (Margaret); sister Colleen Jones (Joe). Aunt to Jennifer Millson Thompson, Colleen Barnier, Jeff, Alicia, Aimee, Adam DeCou and Yessica Monge, and great aunt to Emily Thompson and Leah Barnier, cousins Linda Panoska and Leslie Weyrick.

Alice worked in the grocery business for 50 years beginning in Wallaceburg with Dominion Stores. She transferred to Chatham Dominion and worked as head cashier and bookkeeper. When A&P purchased the store, Alice became a Front-End Specialist training staff at stores throughout Ontario. She continued her duties when Metro took over the grocery stores.

She lived for her family and enjoyed family gatherings, often the first one to join in in the fun. Her generosity knew no bounds as she cared for her siblings and spoiled her nieces and nephews. We will miss her dedication, loyalty, and sense of humour. She was loved by all and we will certainly miss her

contagious smile.

The family thanks the staff at Chatham-Kent Health Alliance for providing great care and compassion in her last days.

Family and friends are invited for visitation at the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg, from 2 – 5 PM on Thursday, August 4. The Funeral Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians Church on Friday, August 5 at 11 AM.

Interment in Riverview Cemetery at a later date.

Donations in Alice's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in Chatham and the Foundation of the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance may be left at the funeral home 519.627.3231. Shared memories may be left on Alice's tribute page at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alice DeCou



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 03, 2022 at 11:45 AM

MV

*A beautiful tribute thoughts and prayers to the family*

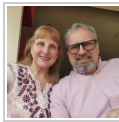
**Margaret Vetter** - August 04, 2022 at 09:59 AM

MM

*I am so sorry to hear of Alice's passing. I worked with her at A&P (metro)... she was always so nice to me . Hope her memories will guide your family through this journey. RIP sweetie.....*

*Mary Marazita*

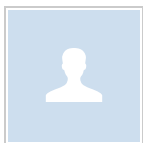
**Mary Marazita** - August 08, 2022 at 01:23 PM



*I'm so sorry to hear of Alice's passing. She has been my neighbour for the past almost 20 years. I've had the blessing to see how she loved her family with her heart and soul. She was a loving, giving person and the best neighbour one could hope for. My condolences to her family.*

*Karen Frith*

**Karen Frith** - August 25, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ Alice DeCou

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM

PG

“ I am sad to hear of Alice's passing and extend my condolences to the family. I worked with Alice on my first job from 1967-70 at the Wallaceburg Dominion Store. She was always a pleasant and fair person to deal with as she kept us carry-out boys in line.

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**Peter Geldreich** - September 12, 2022 at 10:38 AM

JT

“ Jack And Kim (Thornton) Thomaes lit a candle in memory of Alice DeCou



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**Jack and Kim (Thornton) Thomaes** - August 10, 2022 at 07:19 PM

CH

“ I'm deeply sorry for your loss. Alice was a lovely lady, I could always guarantee it was going to be a fun day when I was working her. Rest in peace Alice.

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**CHRISTINE HYDE** - August 09, 2022 at 12:52 PM

GG

“ Alice was the district trainer for my store in Simcoe, Ontario. In 1996, she brought me on the road to support some systems implementations and we ended up working together on several projects over the years. She always had a smile on her face and kept me laughing! I know I wouldn't still be with Metro today had it not been for Alice giving me an opportunity. I'm sure she will be missed greatly.

*My sincere condolences to the DeCou family.*

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**Gary Grant** - August 08, 2022 at 02:47 PM

NH

“ So sad to hear of Alice’s passing. I worked with Alice for 15 years and have many great memories of us working together , store renovations, store openings and dinners out. My deepest sympathies to her family. Rest In Peace my friend I will miss you terribly. Nora Home

Nora Homer - August 08, 2022 at 12:45 PM

MD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the DeCou family.

Mark & Noriko Dunlop, Edmonton.

Mark Dunlop - August 05, 2022 at 08:28 PM

DK

“ Daphne Klaver sent a virtual gift in memory of Alice DeCou



daphne klaver - August 05, 2022 at 05:32 PM

MI

“ Colleen and family, my condolences on the loss of your sister Alice. May loving memories keep her alive in your hearts and may she rest in peace.

My thoughts are with you.

Maria (Murm) Ingratta

Maria L Ingratta - August 05, 2022 at 08:58 AM

AM

“ *Allon Meredith lit a candle in memory of Alice DeCou*



Allon Meredith - August 04, 2022 at 07:47 PM

M(

“ *My thoughts are with all the Decou's with the loss of Alice. Our father Patrick and Ann were best friends and first cousins. All of the Decou's were like an extended family as we grew up a few blocks apart in Wallaceburg. Lots of great memories of your family. Mary Dunlop (Missy)*

Mary Dunlop (Missy) - August 04, 2022 at 05:51 PM

HAYCOCK  
CAVANAGH  
FUNERAL HOME

“ *10 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 04, 2022 at 09:39 AM

DJ

“ *A beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady. Our condolences to Alice's family.*

Debra Jones - August 04, 2022 at 09:09 AM

BM

“ To Doug and the DeCou family  
Sending my condolences your way. it's hard to lose a sibling.  
Becky (Lucier) Martincich

Becky Martincich - August 03, 2022 at 11:18 PM

HAYCOCK  
CAVANAGH  
FUNERAL HOME

“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 03, 2022 at 11:37 AM

DS

“ Douglas Steen lit a candle in memory of Alice  
DeCou



Douglas Steen - August 03, 2022 at 08:51 AM

AS

“ My condolences to Alices's family. She was a wonderful lady.  
Worked with Alice at Dominion Stores for several years.

Angie Shreve - August 02, 2022 at 11:12 PM

LW

“ I had the pleasure of working with Alice a number of years ago while at A&P. Alice was such a happy woman, always encouraging others and her smile and laughter were contagious. My condolences to the family.

Linda Watson - August 02, 2022 at 10:38 PM

OD

“ I went to school with Alice. She was always kind and had a friendly smile. I did run into her a few times in Chatham over the years, and we always stopped to bring each other up to date. She was a fine lady!

May she now rest in peace. ~~Odra (de Koning) Riedl



Odra - August 02, 2022 at 10:02 PM

GA

“ Gary Authier And Rita (LABA) Authier lit a candle in memory of Alice DeCou



Gary Authier and Rita (LABA) Authier - August 02, 2022 at 08:38 PM

JM

“ I met Alice at a job fair for Miracle Food Mart at DCC in 1994, she hired me and changed the course of my life for the better, 28 years later I've been blessed in the Grocery business and currently I'm a Store Manager. RIP Alice and thank you for taking a chance on me and thank you for the life the grocery business has provided me and my family.

James Mason - August 02, 2022 at 08:32 PM

RB

“ Rest In Peace Alice 🙏



Rose Bechard - August 02, 2022 at 08:13 PM

J(

“ Aunt Alice will be greatly missed. Very fortunate that I was able to see her a bit more during the last year despite the pandemic. Our family gatherings will never be the same without her laughter.



Jennifer Millson (neice) - August 02, 2022 at 06:21 PM

JC

“ Doug, Colleen and the entire DeCou family, my sincere condolences.



Janice Conway - August 02, 2022 at 05:01 PM

CP

“ *Worked with Alice for 15 years.  
Your dedication, knowledge, willingness to help others was much appreciated.  
Although we kept in touch your passing was unexpected and sad  
you will be in my memories as a generous person, fun loving with a  
contagious laughter. RIP Alice*

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**Carla Polato** - August 02, 2022 at 02:30 PM

GM

“ *I will miss her laugh. She made you laugh too.  
Graham (brother-in-law)*



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**Graham Millson** - August 02, 2022 at 11:36 AM

RB

“ *R I P Alice 🙏*

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**Rose Bechard** - August 02, 2022 at 10:10 AM

SM

“ *So sorry for you loss. Know that you are in my thoughts and  
prayers.  
Sheryl (Sutherland) Miller*

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**Sheryl Miller** - August 02, 2022 at 09:40 AM

P(

“ To the Family, I worked with Alice for many years! Condolences to her Family!



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**Pam Shepley (Murrell)** - August 02, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ Dear Decou Families:

*Our deepest sympathies to all of you.*

*Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Patti (Dunlop) McGee*



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**Patricia McGee** - August 02, 2022 at 09:00 AM

NA

“ *Norma Authier lit a candle in memory of Alice DeCou*



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**Norma Authier** - August 02, 2022 at 06:58 AM

EJ

“ *Eric & Sandra Johnston lit a candle in memory of Alice DeCou*



Eric & Sandra Johnston - August 01, 2022 at 09:24 PM

MD

“ *Our sincere and deepest condolences to Alice’s family. Sending positive thoughts and prayers. Mike and Liz Dunlop*

Mike and Liz Dunlop - August 01, 2022 at 08:38 PM

TM

“ *I was blessed to have spent so much time with you. You were an amazing mentor and supporter. Your willingness to share your expertise was appreciated. Your smile was infectious. RIP Alice*💕💕

Tanya Morrison - August 01, 2022 at 08:12 PM

RC

“ *A perfect example of Christian love and caring for others. Yes we are sad for her passing but let’s celebrate her wonderful life.*

Ren De Cou - August 01, 2022 at 07:42 PM