



Mae Salenbien

August 25, 2025

With heavy, but peaceful hearts we announce that our family matriarch, Mae Salenbien (nee Marchand) passed at her home, surrounded by family on Monday, August 25, 2025 at the age of 91.

She has now been reunited with her beloved husband Ben Salenbien (1998). She will be forever loved by her children Marcel (Kari) Salenbien, Dave (Sue) Salenbien, Carole (Jack) Leclair, Julie (Brian) Lee, Dianne (Kirk) Hooker. "Mae always said she had the best kids in Dover, we think we had the best mom ever!" She was the cherished grandmother of 12 and great grandmother of 15.

Mae was the last surviving child of the late Theophile and Louise (Laprise) Marchand and has now joined her siblings Gloria (Camille) Reaume, Clara (Jack) Horn, Laura (Rene) Donais, Norbert (Shirley, surviving) Marchand and Henry (Yvonne, surviving) Marchand.

She dedicated her life to teaching and had a gift for connecting with children, especially her own, and later her cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had a love of reading and crosswords, and her home was always filled with warmth, laughter, and the comforting smell of her famous Christmas cookies, turkey pies, and pumpkin pies.

Family was at the center of everything she did, and she shared her love not

only through her cooking but through the little lessons she left us with like her unforgettable rule that no one should take a piece of bubble gum without first asking if everyone else wanted one.

She will be remembered for her kindness, her humor, her wisdom, and above all, her love for her family. Though she will be deeply missed, her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Family and friends are invited to gather to celebrate her Funeral Mass at Holy Family Catholic Church on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 11am. Mae will be laid to rest at Maple Leaf Cemetery during a private family ceremony. Funeral arrangements are under the care of the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231).

If you wish to make a donation in her memory, please consider The Children's Treatment Centre Foundation or The Ronald McDonald House Foundation. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Church
647 Murray Street
Wallaceburg, ON N8A 1W2 (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ *Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mae Salenbien*



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - September 03, 2025 at 10:55 AM

JM

“ *To the Salenbein Family.*
Our deepest sympathies in the passing of your dear Mother and Grandmother. Mae was the best neighbour. When the kids were small we would go and visit and they especially loved to go there on Halloween for the canned pop and Carmel corn. She always had an extra bag or two for Larry and I. Sometimes I shared with Larry and sometimes not.lol. Mae always shared her apples and rhubarb and I probably owe you 20 lbs of sugar and at least a couple dozens eggs for the times I had to send Larry because I was in the middle of baking something and ran out of an ingredient. Mae was such a lovely, generous lady and she will be missed. We are so grateful to have had her as a neighbour and friend. She always spoke so highly of her family. May all of your precious memories bring you comfort and peace.
Love Larry,Jan,Alex, Max & Paige Meyerink.

Janice Meyerink - October 23, 2025 at 06:09 PM

HH

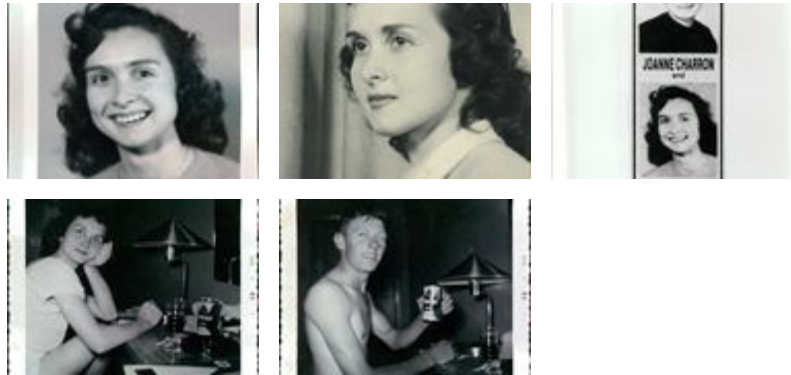
“ *Condolences to the Salenbien Family*



Harvey and Susan Handsor - September 05, 2025 at 09:58 AM

HAYCOCK
CAVANAGH
FUNERAL HOME

“ *122 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - September 03, 2025 at 10:50 AM

MD

“ *Dear Sue and family, It sounds like you had a fantastic Mother In Law! I am so sorry for your loss. 91 is a great age and I am sure she made the very best of all her days with family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers*



Mary Van Damme - September 01, 2025 at 08:49 PM

DV

“ *Sincere condolences to the Salenbien family.*

Tim Coveny and Deb

Debbie Vancoillie - September 01, 2025 at 08:46 PM

LD

“ *Sending my sincere and deepest sympathy to the Salenbien Family for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with all.*



Luanne Dubuque - September 01, 2025 at 04:24 PM

DP

“ *Salenbien Family:*

Time seems to give many past good memories of Mae. Her cooking and friendship will always be cherished as well as her "Godmotherly" duties and her family.

May she rest in peace as her next journey begins.

Diane & Vic Poissant - August 30, 2025 at 07:46 AM

MB

“ *We offer our most profound condolences to Mae's families and friends. By honouring her deep love of her family, you'll keep memories of her always alive in your hearts. Rest In Peace Mae. Sending our love, and prayers for all of you at this most difficult time. Michele and Steve Brent*



Michele & Steve Brent - August 30, 2025 at 07:22 AM

VP

“ DEAR SUE, DAVE AND FAMILY,
SINCERE CONDOLENCES ARE SENT TO YOU AND THE GIRLS.
THOUGHTS OF THE MANY FOND MEMORIES YOU'VE
EXPERIENCED OVER THE YEARS WILL GIVE YOU STRENGTH
TO ENDURE THESE NEXT FEW WEEKS. I KNOW BOTH SUE
AND DAVE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY FOND MEMORIES
MAE CREATED. SENDING PRAYERS AND HUGS!

VIRGINIA POLOWICK - August 29, 2025 at 01:32 PM

VP

“ VIRGINIA POLOWICK lit a candle in memory
of Mae Salenbien



VIRGINIA POLOWICK - August 29, 2025 at 01:25 PM

RL

“ Our thoughts are with the Salenbien family.

Fondly,

Ron and Lori Lebel

Ron and Lori Lebel - August 29, 2025 at 12:50 PM

LD

“ Sorry fir your loss Dianne and kirk Taylor and
Cam and Jake and your families



Linda Daniels - August 29, 2025 at 11:19 AM

JM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Julie Medeiros - August 29, 2025 at 08:36 AM

TS

“ Diane/Kirk and families; our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time; may all the memories she created with you help you to get through these difficult days ahead. God Speed



Tracy Shaw - August 29, 2025 at 07:55 AM

JM

“ The family of Glenn and Linda Lusk send so much love to you all - so many wonderful memories around kitchen tables surrounded with friends, cards , good food, and so much laughter . All of these beautiful souls in our hearts now and forever.

Julie Medeiros - August 29, 2025 at 07:44 AM

AM

“ Our deepest sympathies to the whole family.our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Norm Myers and famy

Anne Marie Myers - August 28, 2025 at 09:25 PM

DK

“ Sincerest condolences to your family on the loss of your mom.

Kevin and Deadra Kilbride.

Deadra Kilbride - August 28, 2025 at 06:37 PM

CG

“ Dianne Kirk Taylor Jake and all the Salenbien family. Its hard to lose a mom. Sounds like she was a great one. Sending our love and sympathy

Colleen and Lonnie Gillett

Colleen and Lonnie Gillett - August 28, 2025 at 04:28 PM

DD

“ Our sincere condolences to the Salenbien Families on the loss of your mom



Dan and Cheryl Dehens - August 28, 2025 at 10:06 AM

TM

“ Carole, Jack and family
Sorry to hear about your mom. Sending condolences at this difficult time. Sincerely Tammy & Pete Moir.

Tammy & Pete Moir - August 28, 2025 at 09:26 AM

RA

“ Marcel: my sincere condolences I extend to you and your loved ones at this grievous time. Take care. Randy.

Randy Altiman - August 27, 2025 at 09:11 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with all of you.



Sherry Dave Crowe - August 27, 2025 at 09:08 PM

JV

“ Deepest condolences to you all at this difficult time. Many fond memories of your parents.

Jennifer Dunlop Vandeborn - August 27, 2025 at 08:46 PM

ES

“ Deepest condolences to the entire family, may you all cherish your memories til you meet again. God bless

Ed & Joanne (Dunlop) Sinclair - August 27, 2025 at 07:46 PM

JA

“ My condolences to the Salenbien family. May the support of family and friends help you in this difficult time.

John Aitken

John Aitken - August 27, 2025 at 06:02 PM

CB

“ Connie Blair lit a candle in memory of Mae Salenbien



Connie Blair - August 27, 2025 at 05:49 PM

TR

“ To the Salenbien Family, my sincere condolences on the passing of Mae. She was such a beautiful and poised woman. Such a small world, she taught dad in grade 4/5 and some 20 years later we ended up moving near you and our families were long time friends. May the memories give you peace and comfort. Love Tracey Pike and the Charron Family. XO

TraceyPike - August 27, 2025 at 05:47 PM

ML

“ Mel Lauwereys sent a virtual gift in memory of Mae Salenbien



Mel Lauwereys - August 27, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ So sorry for your loss



Nicole Yacks McGhie - August 27, 2025 at 03:41 PM

TB

“ Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of Mae Salenbien



Tim Bechard - August 27, 2025 at 02:06 PM

MA

“ *Dianne and Kirk, Carole and Jack and family
Sending our deepest condolences on the passing of your mother.
She sounds like an amazing woman. Mothers are so special to us
and remain in our hearts forever..
Thinking of you.
Love, Mickey and Betty*

Mickey and Betty Amelia - August 27, 2025 at 01:24 PM

WB

“ *Colleen and I are very saddened to hear this. Prayers to your entire
family.*

Wayne and Colleen Bowen - August 27, 2025 at 11:27 AM

SH

“ *Our condolences to the Salenbien family! Prays and hugs as you
journey in the loss of your mom. May your fond memories hold
close to your heart, she is there.
Sheila & Bill Harris*

Sheila & Bill Harris - August 27, 2025 at 10:31 AM

CH

“ *Sending our deepest condolences Dianne and Kirk from The
Hoekstras .. your mom was a special lady.*

Cathy Hoekstra - August 27, 2025 at 10:24 AM

JC

“ *Losing a parent is so difficult. Our deepest sympathies Marcel and
Kari. John and Sharon.*

John Chisholm - August 27, 2025 at 09:59 AM

RM

“ Our sincere condolences on the loss of your mom, grandmother , may her memories bring all of you much comfort. Richard and pat March XO

Richard/Pat March - August 27, 2025 at 09:50 AM

JE

“ Sending our sincere condolences to the Salenbien and extended families. May your memories with her be a comfort to you in the days ahead.
Sincerely,
Jean & Dave Elliott



Jean&Dave Elliott - August 27, 2025 at 09:38 AM

FV

“ Sorry for your loss



Frank & Kim VanMensel - August 27, 2025 at 07:58 AM

DL

“ Our condolences to Mae's family. Mae was a wonderful lady full of fun & laughter. .Hoping your precious memories bring you comfort.
With Sympathy,
Don & Lucille Laprise

Don & Lucille Laprise - August 27, 2025 at 07:24 AM

DA

“ Dianne, Kirk our sincere condolences to you and all the family.



Dennis and Annmarie Alexander - August 27, 2025 at 06:25 AM

AS

“ Marcel and Kari and family
I was saddened to read about the passing of your Mom. Please accept our sincere condolences.
Sending hugs
Aggie and Rick

Agnes Soulard - August 26, 2025 at 11:35 PM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Mae Salenbien



Gerry Flynn - August 26, 2025 at 09:49 PM

DM

“ Dan & Karen Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mae Salenbien



Dan & Karen Marshall - August 26, 2025 at 06:53 PM

BH

“ *Bill & Donna Hainer lit a candle in memory of Mae Salenbien*



Bill & Donna Hainer - August 26, 2025 at 06:38 PM

CC

“ *Dave and family. My sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your mother. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

*Colleen Crow
Baker Tilly*

Colleen Crow - August 26, 2025 at 05:06 PM

JS

Our condolences to Carol & Jack and families for your loss. Jeff & Phylis Scott

jeff scott - September 03, 2025 at 11:54 AM