



# Vivian J. Maze

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**V**ivian Joyce Specht Maze was born June 11, 1924, to William H. and Laura M. (Yokom) Specht in Des Moines, Iowa. She was the second oldest of 6 children and was raised in Ackley, Iowa. Following her junior year of high school, her family moved the Trear, Iowa where she completed her high school studies. Upon her graduation, Vivian moved to Washington DC in support of the World War II war effort. There, she worked for the Justice Department and FBI directly under J. Edgar Hoover as a fingerprint specialist identifying and categorizing individual fingerprints. It was here she met and married a young Marine Whitehouse guard, Pfc. David A Maze. However, 10 short days after their marriage, Pfc. Maze was transferred to Guadalcanal to support South Pacific Allied forces against Japanese forces. Following his departure, Vivian moved back to Clinton, Iowa where her family now lived working as a waitress at various downtown cafes and restaurants. At the end of World War II, following the surrender of the Japanese forces in the Pacific, now Cprl. Maze was discharged and reunited with Vivian in Chicago, Illinois. Vivian and David then moved to East Hickory, Pennsylvania to start their new family. However, work was scarce, so in 1948 they moved to Camanche, Iowa. It was here Vivian raised her family supporting her husband and nurturing her 4 children, David Jr., Brian, Dennis, and Luanne. In 1961, Vivian made a decision that would change her life forever: Vivian dedicated her life to serving her Lord and Savior, professing her love for Him, and raising her family in the way God intended. For the rest of her life, her love for and dedication to Him grew, not once wavering, and witnessing for Him whenever the opportunity arose. In February 2015, Vivian lost the love of her life, David Sr. after 71 wonderful years of marriage. Still, her love for her Lord did not waver. In September of that same year, Vivian moved to Vistas at Bettendorf, formerly Iowa Masonic Health Facilities, in Bettendorf, Iowa. Here she thrived, continuing to witness for her Lord and Savior, and acquiring countless friends and



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relationships, both staff and residents, until her earthly passing. Vivian passed away peacefully at 02:43am Saturday January 31, 2026 at Vistas at Bettendorf after a brief illness. She is preceded in death by her parents, siblings Bernice Shafer (Raymond), William D. Specht (Beverly), Jean Stanley Dalrymple (Robert), Paul (Lois) Specht, and Margaret (Peggy) Hill Terry (John), her husband David Sr., and one son, Dennis Lee (Pam). She is survived by three children, David, Bettendorf, Ia., Brian (Vicky), Thomson, Il., Luanne Hall (Ron – deceased) Waterford, Mi., a Daughter-in-Law, Pam Maze (Dennis – deceased), Vista, Calif. And numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Vivian will be buried next to her husband at Rose Hill Cemetery in Camanche. There will be no graveside services. A memorial is being planned for May 15, 2026 from 10:00am to 12:00pm, the service will be at 10:30 am and the family will be available for fellowship until 12:00pm at the Snell-Zornig Funeral Chapel in Camanche, Iowa. All family and friends are invited to attend.

In addition, the family of Vivian Maze would like to express their sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the entire staff of Iowa Masonic Health Facilities and Vistas at Bettendorf for their wonderful care mom received over the past 10 years that she was a resident there. Because of their loving comfort, care, and compassion, our mom began to live again, becoming more social and outgoing toward others around her. She truly felt at home here. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, 813 1st Ave SE Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402.



# Events

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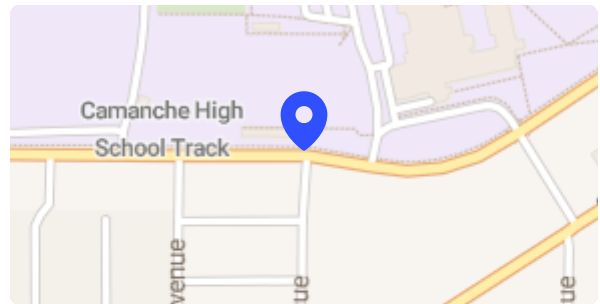
## Memorial Gathering

 **Friday, May 15, 2026**

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT


 **Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory - Camanche**

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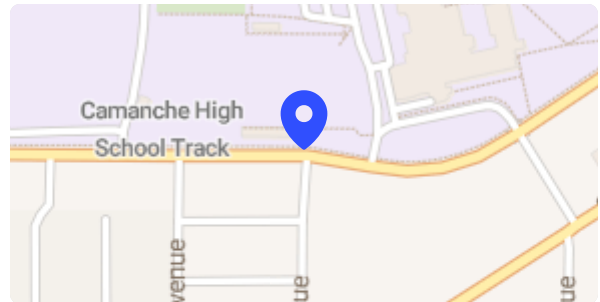
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RS

**Rosemary Seidelmann** posted:

One of my most favorite memories of Aunt Vivian is when she and her sister, Peggy, came to "babysit" me while I was recovering from a tonsillectomy at 24 years of age. I felt very blessed to have had a fabulous visit with her just a little over 1 year ago. I will miss her.

February 2 at 10:36 PM



**Shelby Murphy** posted:

Vivian was one of my favorite ladies to take care of always telling stories while eating her honey buns they were her favorite she also would pray for anyone who needed it it was an honor to care for her in her last few years I'll miss you miss vivian it will not be the same without you ❤️ Shelby Murphy

February 2 at 9:16 PM

JW

**Jon Weber** posted:

Dear David, Brian, Luanne, Pam, and family. Your Mother was one of the nicest people I ever knew. She taught me at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Sunday School and Bible School. Dennis and I, along with several of my cousins were all in the same confirmation class. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Know that she is now with your Dad and Dennis. I pray for Dennis and the family every night since his passing. I'll now add your Mom as well. Jon, Purl, Troy, Logan, and Carley Weber Hazelwood, MO (Formerly of Camanche and Clinton. Once an Indian, Always an Indian.)

February 2 at 7:34 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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