



Donna Lynn Van Dellen

August 5, 1948 - November 17, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Donna Lynn Van Dellen. Donna ascended into heaven peacefully on November 17th, 2024, at Methodist Hospital. In her last days, Donna's family and close friends gathered to celebrate her and tearfully say goodbye.

Her patience, wisdom, and grace made Donna the best role-model and mother. Donna's talents included sewing, card-making, cooking, and baking. She loved being in the sunshine near lakes, rivers, and oceans. She also enjoyed playing Scrabble, solving Wheel of Fortune puzzles, and watching her children and grandchildren play in a variety of sports.

Donna, the daughter of John and Viola Posio, was born on August 5th, 1948. She was the fifth of six children and grew up in Forest Lake, MI.

Donna and Fred married on December 20th, 1969, at the chapel on K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base in Gwinn, MI.

Her career in nursing began at Saint Luke's Hospital in Marquette, MI in 1966. She completed her training at Methodist Hospital and was a Registered Nurse in Labor and Delivery for 40 years. "Epidural Donna" was known for her compassionate care for her patients. She loved the "gals at work" and loved being part of a talented team of nurses.

In 2006, she worked in IT on the EPIC program for seven years before she retired.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents, John and Viola (Ketola) Posio, sisters Joyce (Mort), Nancy (Reino), Bonnie, and brother Johnnie (Darlene).

Donna is survived by her wonderful husband Fred, three daughters Vicki (BJ), Becky (Jason), Wendy (Kelly), son Fred (Dani), and her brother Bruce (Sharon). There are eight grandchildren, Ross (Sara), Isabella, Kaelyn, Claire and Casey, Megan, Adrianna and Ruben, and two great grandchildren, Levi and Ellie.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Methodist Hospital ICU for their support and compassionate care for Donna and her loved ones.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 23rd, 2024, at Discover Church in Brooklyn Park. Visitation at 10 am, and service at 11 am, with luncheon to follow. Interment will be held on a later date at Fort Snelling Cemetery for the family.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." - Matthew 5:4

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Discover Church
1400 81st Avenue North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

Memorial Service

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Chanda Lyons - November 26, 2024 at 11:46 AM

CL

“ It is so heartbreaking to hear about Donna's passing. I can't quite believe it! She was my light and my mentor in Labor and Delivery when I was a young and inexperienced nurse. She was one of the hardest working nurses I've known, frequently working overtime shifts. Always there 110% for her patients and coworkers. She loved life, she loved being a nurse, she loved guiding young women to safe deliveries. She was a go-getter! She was spirited! She was funny! She played jokes on a lot of us back in the day. I remember when she locked me in the hallway bathroom back in our old unit. I remember when she helped with the resuscitation of her own grandchild right after birth when help wasn't coming quickly enough. I was right next to her and got to take care of her daughter. I asked her to be my nurse when my first son was born back in 1987. it was very meaningful to have her wisdom, coaching, and Love. There is a special place in Heaven for this lovely woman who gave so much of her life caring for others. What a gift to know her!



Chanda Lyons - November 26, 2024 at 09:06 AM

TH

“ *The childhood memories I have because of Donna are some of the absolute best. From Beach days to family vacations to MI, to Apple Pectin Cream Rinse! Donna was always amazing, and kind and my second mom. She will be missed so much. To all of the Van Dellen Family, we send so much love and prayers for peace and comfort to you all.*

Teresa Hornbuckle - November 20, 2024 at 01:17 PM

FC

“ *From The whole Karris Clan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Lynn Van Dellen.*

From The whole Karris Clan - November 20, 2024 at 11:58 AM

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“ *From The whole Karris Clan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donna Lynn Van Dellen.*



From The whole Karris Clan - November 20, 2024 at 11:58 AM

HR

“ *Holly, Jeff, Jack, Mike, Kathy and Ron purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Donna Lynn Van Dellen.*



Holly, Jeff, Jack, Mike, Kathy and Ron - November 20, 2024 at 10:35 AM

LK

“ *This saddens me to hear. Donna was such a brilliant L&D nurse. I learned so much from her. May you all find comfort in a life well lived.*

Linda Kraft

Linda Kraft - November 19, 2024 at 08:20 PM

JO

Sadden to hear of the passing of Donna. Only heard today on the 24th. Worked with her for many many years @ Methodist and she was smart and special. Rest in Peace. You were the best of the best. I know the family already knows that, but I couldn't say it enough. Deepest sympathy to the family. Love

Jean Oelkers - November 24, 2024 at 06:50 PM