



Donna Mae Wasowicz

February 7, 1934 - May 8, 2024

Donna Mae Wasowicz died May 8, 2024 at age 90.

Donna was born on February 7, 1934 to Roy and Hazel (nee Stensrud) Benson. She attended St. Cloud State College and graduated with a business degree.

Donna moved to the Twin Cities and met her husband Ed while working at State Farm Insurance. As she was raising her family and working part-time, she earned a bachelor's degree in education and later a master's degree in education psychology from the University of Minnesota.

Ed's career moved them to Murfreesboro, TN temporarily, then to Winter Haven, FL, where they would live for 16 years before retiring and returning to Minnesota. In retirement, Donna and Ed became snowbirds and kept a condo in Fort Lauderdale to escape the cold Minnesota winters and to split time between their grandchildren.

Donna worked in education, focusing on students with special needs. She found her greatest satisfaction teaching adult education in Polk County, FL. While working, she also enjoyed her family life. She formed a home-makers club and found time to complete numerous crafts including sewing with her three girls. Donna was a devoted mother and grandmother who valued family and shared her wisdom, support, and love in abundance.

She and Ed traveled the world with each other, family and friends, seeing 48 states and at least 28 countries. She was an avid Elderhostel/ Road Scholar traveler, taking at least 25 trips through that program with Ed. Also a music enthusiast, Donna sang in the Handel's Messiah Choir. Donna and Ed both enjoyed singing in various church choirs.

Donna was passionate about genealogy, and she published two books that traced her and Ed's family histories. She incorporated her genealogy research into her travels and gathered numerous first-hand accounts from relatives across the world with whom she kept in contact. In retirement, she continued to enjoy her crafts, especially scrapbooking for and with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Ed; children, Susan (Victor) Lee, Janet Wasowicz (Stephen Tucker) and Laura (Jim) Murphy; grandchildren, Lindsey Lee (Phillip Maple), Madeline Lee, Jack Murphy and Michael Murphy.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Church of Saint John the Evangelist of Little Canada; 380 Little Canada Road E., Little Canada, MN on Friday, June 14, 2024 at 11:00 am with a visitation at 10:00 am, followed by a luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the donor's charity of choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **14.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
380 Little Canada Road
Little Canada, MN 55126

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **14.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Donna. She and Ed were such a delight to have in the choir at St. Sebastian in Ft. Lauderdale. Both, so humble and down to earth, great senses of humor and just all around good people. I’ve missed seeing them during the winter months. Sending my love and condolences to Ed and the entire family. We’ll miss Donna, but take comfort in her being home in Heaven.

*Peter Manfredi
St. Sebastian Catholic Church
Ft. Lauderdale, FL*

Peter Manfredi - February 02 at 11:50 PM