



Donna Mae Wessling

May 15, 1933 - May 14, 2022

Wessling, Donna Mae of Coon Rapids died in the comfort of her home May 14. The youngest of Charles and Anna Johnson's 12 children, Donna grew up in Minneapolis, loved skating, dancing, and playing piano. She is survived by husband of 50 years, Gary, sons, Alan (Casey) Betker, Bruce (Kim) Betker, grandchildren, Holly Betker, Julie (Kevin) Eschen, Austin Odom, Katie Betker, Anastasia Betker, Sasha Betker, two great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews who she loved dearly. The "glue" of her large family, Donna provided a warm home for countless gatherings, faithfully shared the stories of her departed siblings, and was always just a phone call away. As a foster parent of 30 years, she compassionately cared for hundreds of children who entered her home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. Visitation May 19 at Washburn- McReavy Coon Rapids, Chapel from 4-8pm and 1 hour prior to service at church. Funeral May 20 at Redeemer Church, 61 Mississippi Way NE, Fridley, MN at 10am. Interment Hillside Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Visitation

MAY 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Redeemer Lutheran Church (Fridley)
61 Mississippi Street NE
Fridley, MN 55432

Church Service

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Redeemer Lutheran Church (Fridley)
61 Mississippi Street NE
Fridley, MN 55432

Tribute Wall

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“ I will miss Donna and all of our great visits and chats we had!! She was such a warm, nurturing person and made me feel special every time I saw her. Donna and Gary were also the best foster parents to kids of Anoka County. They touched a lot of lives and gave kids what they needed-safety, security and a warm, loving home environment. They also both treated the social workers with such kindness and support. I would go over there and leave with cookies, a plant or flower and good feeling that the kids I placed there would be treated well and see a couple who knew how to be a good mom and dad. We were so lucky to have them for so many years. Gary and family-my sympathies to you during this time.

Jodi Nelson

Jodi Nelson - May 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM