



Donna Jean Poppe

February 17, 1956 - August 2, 2024

Donna Jean Poppe, 68, of Indianapolis, passed peacefully in her home on August 2, 2024 after a hard-fought battle with metastatic breast cancer. She was born February 17, 1956 in Leavenworth, Kansas to the late Eugene and Dorothy (Jons) Poggemeyer. She married Dennis L. Poppe on February 28, 1981 in Overland Park, Kansas. Donna is survived by her husband, Dennis Poppe; children, Jon Poppe (Christina), Col. Carl Poppe (Sarah), Lisa Adams (Dustin), and Ryan Poppe (Brooke Stoetzel; grandchildren, Sydney Poppe, Keaton Poppe, Grant Poppe, Vaughn Poppe, Deacon Adams and Evelyn Adams; and three sisters, Joyce McMillen (Joe), Mary Hurla (Bob), and Karen Poggemeyer. Donna was a graduate of Basehor High School in Basehor, Kansas and attended Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri. Early in her career, Donna worked for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and then United Telecom/Sprint, with her last position as Director of Shareholder Relations.

When her children were young, Donna chose to stay at home to raise them full-time. She became involved in numerous school and extracurricular volunteer activities, including the Jabberwocky Theater Group, performing for elementary schools throughout the Olathe, Kansas area, and the Olathe Junior Service League.

After Dennis' job took the family to Indianapolis in 1999, Donna was able to fulfill her lifelong dream of working with children as a preschool teacher at

Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Later in her career, she worked at various financial institutions and retail locations in the Indianapolis area. Finally in 2018 – in true fashion with her great sense of humor – she told Dennis that work was interfering with her social life and travel, so she decided to retire and spend more time with family.

Donna had a certain essence about her, and exuded a compassionate and caring approach with anyone she encountered. She loved her family deeply and made every holiday and birthday extra special. Donna was also very committed to her faith. She embraced a transition to Catholicism later in life that brought her to Holy Spirit Geist Catholic Church, where she spent many wonderful years volunteering with her time and talent.

A memorial visitation will be held Friday, August 16, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of mass at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit at Geist Catholic Church, 10350 Glaser Way, Fishers, IN 46037.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research online at <https://www.cancer.org/>

Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **16**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Spirit at Geist Catholic Church
10350 Glaser Way
Fishers, IN 46037

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ Matt and Courtney Ward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Poppe.

Matt and Courtney Ward - August 15, 2024 at 10:57 AM

MW

“ Matt and Courtney Ward purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



Matt and Courtney Ward - August 15, 2024 at 10:57 AM

TF

“ The Thies and Nadick Families purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



The Thies and Nadick Families - August 15, 2024 at 09:56 AM

TF

“ The Leech Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Poppe.

The Leech Family - August 15, 2024 at 06:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



August 15, 2024 at 06:28 AM



“ Love, Jon, Carl, Lisa and Ryan purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



Love, Jon, Carl, Lisa and Ryan - August 13, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ Love, Your March of Dimes Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



Love, Your March of Dimes Family - August 12, 2024 at 02:46 PM



“ Joyce, Mary & Karen purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



Joyce, Mary & Karen - August 10, 2024 at 01:24 PM

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“ West Burbs Purdue Crew (W,B,M,C,B,H) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Poppe.

West Burbs Purdue Crew (W,B,M,C,B,H) - August 09, 2024 at 03:55 PM

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“ West Burbs Purdue Crew (W,B,M,C,B,H) purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



West Burbs Purdue Crew (W,B,M,C,B,H) - August 09, 2024 at 03:55 PM

DF

“ Dorothy Ragan and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



Dorothy Ragan and Family - August 09, 2024 at 12:17 AM

DE

“ Donna was special! We went to school together our entire childhoods. She was always in the center of everything with lots of ideas and such a joyful person. People always gravitated to her and I was lucky to have her as a friend.

As the old adage goes... "She walked in and lit up a room."

Debra Eaton - August 08, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



August 08, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ The Andersons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Poppe.

The Andersons - August 08, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



August 07, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ Al wicke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Poppe.

Al wicke - August 07, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



August 07, 2024 at 10:22 AM



“ Vicki M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Poppe.

Vicki M. - August 06, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ Catie Sweetwood and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Poppe.

Catie Sweetwood and family - August 06, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ Catie Sweetwood and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



Catie Sweetwood and family - August 06, 2024 at 12:39 PM

KL

“ Kevin L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Poppe.

Kevin L. - August 06, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



August 06, 2024 at 10:35 AM

ED

“ I am so saddened to hear about Donna's passing. I worked with her at Somerset and she was always such a kind person. This breaks my heart. God speed.

Edie - August 06, 2024 at 09:02 AM

TR

“ The Rothgangers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



The Rothgangers - August 05, 2024 at 09:22 PM

TR

“ The Rothgangers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Poppe.

The Rothgangers - August 05, 2024 at 09:22 PM

BA

“ Brian, Kathy, Alisha, Jeremiah, Erin & Zohie Adams purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Donna Jean Poppe.



Brian, Kathy, Alisha, Jeremiah, Erin & Zohie Adams - August 05, 2024 at 06:35 PM

BA

“ Brian, Kathy, Alisha, Jeremiah, Erin & Zohie Adams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Poppe.

Brian, Kathy, Alisha, Jeremiah, Erin & Zohie Adams - August 05, 2024 at 06:35 PM

DS

“ Donna was a beloved friend & high school classmate of mine. I have many fond memories of our shenanigans in school & a few years after. She was a beautiful person inside & out! My heartfelt condolences & prayers to Dennie & family! Rest in peace my beloved friend until we meet again!

Debbie Shannon - August 05, 2024 at 06:10 PM

LG

My family knew Donna in Olathe,KS through our church. She was a true gem and will be missed so much by all who knew her. Rest in peace dear friend- I know you will find a Bunko group waiting for you. Prayers for all her family. ❤️🙏

Linda Goodheart - August 05, 2024 at 07:03 PM

PS

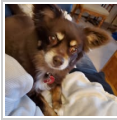
I don't think I have ever met anyone in my life as courageous as Donna. Rest in peace sweet lady.

Pat Schaefer - August 05, 2024 at 10:43 PM

DB

Donna was my maid of honor. We shared so many fun memories in high school. Her beautiful smile would light up a room. Rest in peace my friend. Prayers for Dennie and your family for the void you will leave in their lives.

Debbie Breuer - August 06, 2024 at 08:51 AM



When I think of beloved classmates from my school days - Donna ALWAYS was at the top of the list... I had known her since 1st grade. She was always kind and her personality was infectious. She was the sweetest, most genuine person I had known. My heartfelt condolences and prayers for Dennie and family and the Poggemeyer families. She will be sorely missed by many... Heaven definitely gained an Angel with this lady. Rest in peace Donna....

Rhonda Zacharias Boggs - August 06, 2024 at 10:31 AM

LR

My husband and I met Donna from working with Dennie at the NCAA many years ago. We will always remember her as a beautiful lady who had the biggest smile, loved life, Dennie and her family, and had the best personality and sense of humor. She will be missed by us and so many others because of the love she gave to all her knew her. Peace be with you, Dennie and family and may Donna now rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus.

Leanne & Wally Renfro - August 11, 2024 at 07:12 PM