



Donna L. Collier Sheeks

June 13, 1938 - February 22, 2018

Donna L. Collier Sheeks, 79, of Indianapolis, passed away February 22, 2018. She was born June 13, 1938 to the late Roy and Diane G. Collier. Donna attended Southport High School and was a 1956 graduate of Thomas Carr Howe High School. She was the very first Indianapolis 500 Festival Queen in 1954. Donna was a Marion County court reporter for 24 years, first in Civil Court #11 and then Criminal Court #15, retiring in 2005. She was a longtime member of Linwood Christian Church. Donna was a Ward & Committee Person for the Marion County Democratic Party and was a candidate for the Marion County Recorder's Office in 1977.

Visitation will be Monday February 26, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. with funeral services Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Donna is survived by her children, Beverly J. Smilko, Michael R. (Sophia) Sheeks and Scott L. (Cheryl) Sheeks; grandchildren, Joshua D. Smilko, Michael R. Sheeks, Jr., Suzanna L. Sheeks, Megan N. Sheeks and Cameron L. Sheeks; sister, Vicki L. Tracy (Bill); and brother, Jeff C. Collier (Cathy). Memorial contributions may be made to the ASPCA.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - March 06, 2018 at 07:54 AM

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“ *Sorry for the loss. I've known Donna since I was in High School, she worked with my mother. I loved her greatly she was my buddy and I'll miss her. Connie McKay-Simpson.*



Connie McKay - February 26, 2018 at 05:18 PM

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“ *May passing time, caring friends and loving memories, work gently through the coming days to help comfort her family.*

Gerald Zore - February 25, 2018 at 08:14 PM

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“ I am so sorry for Donna's family's loss. I knew Donna as a fellow court reporter.

When I began to work as a full time court reporter again after working in the outlying courts, Donna was willing to share her jury instructions and assist me as I became reacclimated in the jury process. Donna was so helpful and upbeat. She was always friendly and smiling w/never a negative word to say about anyone.

Donna was a good, kind, gentle woman.

Warm Regards,

Jane Sears

Jane Sears - February 25, 2018 at 05:47 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna L. Collier Sheeks.



February 24, 2018 at 04:27 PM