



Donna J. Heller

October 4, 1945 - January 11, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Donna J. Heller

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – ANNA

135 West Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois

Donna J. Heller, age 79, of Lick Creek, passed away Saturday, January 11, 2025 at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

She was born October 4, 1945 to Russell S. and Jean Elizabeth (Heim) Stettler in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. She married Gary Heller and he survives.

Donna worked as a nurse at Carbondale Memorial Hospital and made quilts for premature babies.

Along with her husband, survivors include her daughters, Kelly McDonnell and Janeen Sanders; grandchildren, Kristyna, Megan, Zoey, Riley, Joshua, Kaleb, Bethaney, Tabitha, Abigail, 21 in total; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

No services will be held at this time.

The cremation of Donna J. Heller has been personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna, Illinois is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs Donna Heller.. in this life you and I shared two small moments to time .. one is when Kelly and I came and you welcomed me lovingly into your home we crafted together laughed and broke bread in your dining room .. my heart was so heavy during that time and you lifted me with your kindness.. some kindnesses impact you for a lifetime.. secondly was when you came to Detroit and because of Kelly’s work schedule she asked me to pick you up at the train station it just happened to be during the celebration of my 50th birthday party.. you Kelly and the girls visited early in the day and here are the most loving and uplifting words you wrote in my birthday book on October14,2006
I think now that Ms Donna was a closet poet...lol so sweet..
You are the star that lights up a dark sky...
You are the sunshine that brightens a stormy day
Your love radiates whenever you are ... Have a great birthday..
Sunflower Smiles.. Donner Heller .. Ms D.. you are remembered lovingly Rest well ..sweet mom of my good friend Kelly ..
Condolences to Mr Heller and the family and friends who knew and loved her❤️ Darlene Calloway -Detroit

Darlene Calloway - January 22, 2025 at 09:01 AM

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To my mother donna heller if I would have known that this was an option to me in the time of your passing I would have wrote this then but I see it now only cuz I googled my name and this popped up I had no idea I could have done this so here it goes my loving mom do I have many memories I could share but I'll only share the most special ones like we shared something we both loved that was birthing babies not only were you at all of my children's births we also studied the be doulas together when we were in Florida and we birthed many babies together at the heart of Florida hospital in haines city Florida and it was great we made a great team anyway don't wanna make this to long just know I love you with all my heart and soul and I have a lifetime of great memories with you and I also know I was a pain in the butt at times growing up and my apologize for that and mom I'm so sorry I had to make some ruff decisions for you in your last year of life and I want you to know if I knew you were passing I would have been there with you holding your hand and singing you are my sunshine I love you mom your forever with me may you rest in peace love your daughter janeen

Janeen Sanders - September 20, 2025 at 05:08 PM