



Donna Louise Marks

June 27, 1956 - December 20, 2016

Donna Louise (Stearns) Marks, age 60 of Carbondale passed peacefully, surrounded by her family, from this world and joined her Heavenly Father after a short, intense battle with cancer at 1:15 pm on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 in Manor Court.

Donna was a loving and a beloved sister, mother, grandmother, coworker, and friend. Her greatest passion was her family. After retiring from a 30 year career with the U.S. Postal Service, she spent her time caring for her mother until she passed this spring. She loved playing with her grandkids, and researching her family genealogy. She also enjoyed researching Civil War history, bird watching, and nature. Still, her greatest passion was spending as much time as possible loving on her grandchildren.

She is survived by siblings: Calvin and Christine Stearns, Robert and Margo Nellis, David and Susan Nellis, Joseph and Matha Nellis, and Vickie Hatley; children: Justin and Jessica Stearns, Warren Stearns, Angela Davis, Billy and Jenny Marks, and Damion and Chrissy Marks; grandchildren: A.J. Stearns, Brendan Stearns, Samuel Stearns, Zora Stearns, Danielle and Josh Watts, Hunter Davis, Carson Davis, Kolton Davis, Jackson Marks, Briar Marks, Gunner Marks, Gage Eckols, Dalton Marks, Haylee Marks, and Christin Marks, and great grandchild Abel Watts.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Denny; father, Jim; stepfather, Jerome; mother, Faye; brother, Steven and grandson, Mikey.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 22, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and on Friday, December 23, 2016 from 10:00 am until the hour of service at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Funeral Services for Donna Marks will be Friday, December 23, 2016 at 11:00 am at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Rev. Gary Darnell officiating.

Memorials can be made to the American Liver Foundation and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Louise Marks*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear that Donna is no longer with us. I didn't know she was ill. Her birth date was same as mine. I worked on a postal team with Donna. She was very bright and worked hard. She always sent me a birthday greeting. I always enjoyed hearing from her. May she rest in peace and God bless her family through this sad time. I will miss her.*

Judy

Judy Scherschel - December 28, 2016 at 03:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donna Louise Marks.*



December 22, 2016 at 12:54 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Louise Marks.*



December 21, 2016 at 10:08 PM

CC

“ I am going to miss Donna very much. We were friends since 8th grade. Although I left the area, we stayed in touch over the years and got together when I was in the area. She was always so positive and happy when I saw her. She always made me feel like I had never left. Even in the face of her own adversities, she kept her gracious perspective and very expansive heart.

I am deeply saddened by Donna's passing and send my heartfelt sympathy to her family.

Cynthia Conrad - December 21, 2016 at 09:16 PM

KN

“ Kathy Nance lit a candle in memory of Donna Louise Marks



Kathy Nance - December 21, 2016 at 03:00 PM

KN

I'm sorry for your loss, I really enjoyed talking to Donna about the family and she was always so helpful. She will greatly be missed by all.

Kathy Nance - December 21, 2016 at 03:02 PM

GG

“ My condolences to all of Donna's family and friends. Donna was one of the most dedicated and intelligent coworkers I have had the privileged of knowing. She will be missed by all.

Gary Gill

Gary Gill - December 21, 2016 at 01:31 PM

TK

“ Calvin, I'm so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family. I pray God's comfort during this difficult time.

Terry Kessinger

Teresa Kessinger - December 21, 2016 at 10:56 AM

CG

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I worked with Donna for years, and she loved to share pictures of her children and grandchildren. Matter of fact she had them posted in her office and displayed on her computer as a screensaver. She will be missed.

Cherell Garrett

Cherell Garrett - December 21, 2016 at 10:31 AM

HF

“ Helen & Wesley Penrod Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donna Louise Marks.



Helen & Wesley Penrod Family - December 21, 2016 at 09:41 AM