



Donna June Dunard

June 23, 1931 - September 10, 2020

Mrs. Donna June (Ricks) Dunard, 89, of Troy, passed away on Thursday, September 10, 2020, at St. Joseph West Hospital in Lake St. Louis, MO.

She was the youngest daughter born to Ernest Edgar and Dona Bell (Argent) Ricks on June 23, 1931 in Winfield, MO. She attended Snow Hill grade school and graduated from Troy Buchanan High School in 1949. Donna attended St. John's School of Nursing, St. Louis, completing her Registered Nursing Degree in 1952.

After marrying Martin E. Dunard, October 5, 1952, she joined him at the Camp Gordan Army Base in Augusta, GA, until he was honorably discharged in 1954. Donna was employed as an RN at the military hospital. Upon return to the Troy area Donna gained employment as the first RN at the newly opened Lincoln County Memorial Hospital in Troy, MO. In 1966 Martin opened the Sears Catalog Store where they worked together until 1993.

Donna was an active member of the Zion United Church of Christ, Troy, MO, especially working with mission projects such as Festival of Sharing, baby layette kits, small quilts for children, school supplies, eye glasses; and cross-stitched baby quilts auctioned for proceeds to benefit the world wide efforts. Other areas of focus were the annual Ham & Bean Dinners, Basement Sales, and Apple Butter making at Zion.

Donna was an involved and dedicated leader with her children and grandchildren's activities with 4-H, FFA, sports, and band; making show wardrobes, and donating her time and talents. She was also a long-time member of the Town & Country Homemaker Extension Women's Club.

Martin and Donna enjoyed being a part of the former President Jimmy Carter projects, participating with building on 5 Habitat for Humanity Blitz Builds around the world. (KY, TX, GA, Hungary, & Philippines) Donna was a gifted seamstress and spent countless hours making clothing for the family, Barbie and Ken doll clothes, quilts, blankets, wool outfits for 4-H Sheep Lead Line competitions, along with many bridesmaid dresses and bridal gowns. She worked tirelessly on family genealogy, researching relatives, compiling notebook binders of pictures and documents of her family history as well as the Dunard's. She was an avid gardener and preservationist, making homemade jams, jellies, and pickles for family and friends. What most importantly to her was having her family near!

Surviving are her children: Michael Edward Dunard, Troy, MO belated wife Gina, Michele Dunard, Swansboro, NC, Melinda (Dunard) Horn and husband Robert J. Horn, Odessa, MO, Col (ret) Monte Eugene Dunard, USMCR and wife Cindy R. Dunard, Woodbridge, VA, and Marilu (Dunard) Lasater and husband Lee D. Lasater, Silex, MO. Eight wonderful grandchildren: Travis E. Horn (Stephanie), Teresa N. (Horn) Geisinger (Luke), Jordan E. Lasater (Abby), Jonah L. Lasater (Lindsey O'Hara), James A. Lasater (Brittany Dickherber), Nicholas R. Dunard, Juliet W. Dunard, Olivia J. Dunard. Three beautiful great grandchildren: Kai L. Geisinger, Caleb E. Horn, Joanie J. Lasater. Preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her siblings: Clyde Argent Ricks (Josephine), Doris Olevia Camp (John), Pansy Marie Boyet, Ernest Freeman Ricks (Ada Belle). When Donna June was 7 years old, her father passed away and her mother Dona, married Clarence Crouch and

gained three step siblings who precede her: Levoyd D. Crouch (Nell), Clarence Gentry Crouch (Flora), and Edna B. Bickle (James). Also, daughter-in-law Gina Dunard, nieces Darla J. (Dunard) Flynn and Tina R. Irvin, nephews Brian J. Dunard and Eric R. Irvin, brother-in-law's Robert I. Dunard & William D. Dunard.

Family and friends will be received from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at Kemper-Millard-Keim Family Funeral Chapel located at 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at Kemper-Millard-Keim Funeral Home in Troy, MO. Interment will be held at Zion Cemetery in Troy, MO. Serving as pallbearers will be her grandchildren: Travis Horn, Teresa Geisinger, Jordan, Jonah, and James Lasater, Nicholas & Juliet Dunard, and Olivia Dunard. In lieu of flowers the family request and encourage memorial donations be made to: Zion UCC General Fund, Troy Bread For Life Food Pantry, or Lincoln County Habitat for Humanity in care of KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at www.kempermillardkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com Phone 636-528-8221

In accordance with the CDC COVID guidelines, social distancing, attendance recommendations will be followed and mask are requested.

Cemetery Details

Zion Cemetery

Troy, MO 63379

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel - Troy
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Tribute Wall



“ *Donna June Dunard*

January 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM



“ *Donna June Dunard*

January 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *Our prayers for all of Donna's family for God's peace and understanding to comfort you during this difficult time.*

Stacy & Sandy Bergesch - September 12, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ *Our sympathies with the loss of Grammy. We shared many sports events, FFA events, Fair Events and activities with Grammy and the Lasater family, Michael and Olivia. She was there cheering all her family on in whatever they were doing. There were many stories and tales of her sewing and church activities, too. The Duggan Family will miss seeing her! May these precious life moments carry you through these difficult times!
Love, Jack, Denise, Grace and Kim*

Denise Duggan - September 12, 2020 at 05:44 PM

PP

“ Our condolences to all of Donna Dunard’s family. We are thinking of you all and remembering Donna with fond affection. She was especially kind to help me (Pam) on two sewing projects for my kids that I’ve always been grateful for. Right before Beth’s baby was born she finished up the baby quilt for me. Donna just dropped whatever she was doing and jumped in and got me out of a pickle. She did the same thing again with a sewing project for Katie right before her wedding. I was sooo grateful to her and her reply was one of, “Its no big deal, I was glad to help!” That’s how I’ll remember her. A kind soul who gave of herself to bless others. We are sorry we can’t make her service. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Sincerely, Pam and John Pitt

Pam Pitt - September 12, 2020 at 04:10 PM

AC

“ Our sympathy to the Dunard family.

Mike you were lucky to have her as long as you did. Hard to lose a parent at any time.

Ralph and Alice Coose

Alice Coose - September 12, 2020 at 02:50 PM

BS

“ Monte, my sincere condolences to you upon the passing of your mother, and to all the members of your family as well. Prayers for comfort, peace of spirit, and joy in your memories. Such a loss leaves a sharp-edged void that cannot be filled, but the edges will become a bit softer over time and easier to bear. Blessings to all of you. From Brian Shafer and family.

Brian Shafer - September 12, 2020 at 01:43 PM

MW

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. May your memories give you peace during this most sorrowful time. Your family will be in our prayers. God bless you all.

Mike and Kim Wommack - September 12, 2020 at 12:49 PM

KB

“ Please accept our very sincere sympathy. Many fond memories of the Dunards. Lots of 4-H, Sears and ladies clubs. Please know we care.



Kurt & Elaine Bruns - September 12, 2020 at 12:13 PM

DK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dan & Janice Kaiser - September 12, 2020 at 09:42 AM

LO

“ Grammie was a AWESOME lady. A lady through and through. She took to our daughter and treated her as one of her own. We are sending lots of prayers, hugs, and LOVE.

LONI & DAN OHARS - September 12, 2020 at 09:34 AM

MH

“ My heart is hurting over the loss of this wonderful life long friend!! I grew up with her & "The Dunard Boys", & will never forget them!! What a great family! Donna was & always will be my special friend!! Please know I am thinking of all of you! Love & God Bless!!!

MARY LOU HENNIER - September 12, 2020 at 07:07 AM