



Donna Mae (nee Kuechenberg) Gill

December 18, 1941 - November 18, 2024

Donna Mae (Kuechenberg) Gill passed away unexpectedly on November 18, 2024, at the age of 82.

Donna was born to Rudy and Marion (Neis) Kuechenberg on December 18, 1941. She was raised in Hobart, Indiana, with her eight siblings. Her childhood set the foundation for her love of horses and outdoor adventures.

Donna and Max Gill welcomed four children into their family: Max Jr., Marian, Jennifer, and Reenee and expanded the family with their spouses Sarah (Meyers) Gill, Larry Costakis, and Paul Gotta, along with 11 grandchildren (Max, Evan, Gavin, Garrett and Emma Gill, Rob and Alex Smallman, Claire, Kora and Andrew Costakis, and Katherine Gotta), and three great-grandchildren (Emersen and Henry Smallman, and Sadie Gill).

Donna was actively involved with and was instrumental in the formation of the Hobart Women's Softball League and coached softball in Hobart and Lakes of the Four Seasons for many years. Donna was a longtime Hobart business operator serving as co-owner of Superior Interiors. She treasured her lifelong friends as well as those dear to her within her residential community.

Her passion ran deep for motorbiking while traveling frequently across the U.S. feeling the wind on her face and taking mental photographs on her beloved scooter, Sylvia. She enjoyed planning her routes months in advance in detail and cherished sharing her photos with friends and family upon her return.

Donna proudly marched through life to the beat of her own drum. She will be

dearly missed.

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory entrusted with arrangements. www.BurnsFuneral.com

Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the album Donna Gill



Catrina Hartmann - November 22, 2024 at 10:43 AM



sorry for your families loss sending hugs and prayers marie kainrath

Marie Kainrath - November 25, 2024 at 12:27 PM

JP

“ *I often would ride with Donna on the back of her bike and I enjoyed those trips together. She was a person who graduated with me from high school and we reconnected as adults years later I thought she was in good health so I am surprised to read of her passing unexpectedly. She will be missed by her family I'm sure.*

Judith Wilson Price - November 20, 2024 at 02:42 PM

RT

It is always a shock to hear of the passing of someone you went to school with and then run into through the year's . My prayers to her family.

Reita (Green) Torin - November 20, 2024 at 11:36 PM

DB

I'm really saddened by Donna's passing. I have many great memories with Donna at the Y. She was just last week encouraging me to get back in the e-gym. My deepest sympathies.

Denise Brennan - November 21, 2024 at 01:50 PM

ZR

We are heartbroken with the news of Donna's passing and send our deepest condolences to Max and the girls. We shared a beautiful friendship since 1981 when we joined the Superior Interiors family. Through the 40 plus years, we made so many treasured memories. Always fun times together and many vacations shared. We feel like "family". She visited us in Arizona several times, as we stayed with her when we got back to Indiana too. We will miss her terribly. Her joyous spirit and positivity and love will live on.

Joe & Donna Rauscher

zJoe & Donna Rauscher - November 21, 2024 at 04:13 PM

RA

I miss you, Aunt Donna! I love you and will never forget everything that you taught me. ❤️

Rachel - November 21, 2024 at 06:49 PM

ET

I had some adventures with Donna. She was a good friend. I was her passenger on her bike for Santana Sosa's (my daughters boyfriend) benefit ride in 2023. She gave me lots of advice. The first time I met her was with a mutual friend. And I had one of my hangry episodes. Somehow that was the start of real friendship. I will miss her.

Elva Tuzinski - November 22, 2024 at 09:15 AM

WJ

Willie & Beverly Jackson

What an extraordinary person Donna was. Always inspiring others to remain active, Donna set an amazing example by doing so herself. She was our dear neighbor for over 20 years and she will be truly missed!!

Willie & Beverly Jackson - November 22, 2024 at 01:32 PM

KK

I am going to miss her calling the Southlake YMCA every Saturday and Sunday morning to reserve her classes. She was such a sweet lady. Rest in peace.

Khyla King - November 27, 2024 at 11:45 AM

PP

I remember Donna from my childhood in the 1950s; she and my brother were friends in their teens. One day I got to go see the horses at her house, and she let me sit on one of them, which was a tremendous thrill for me, a little girl who loved horses. I think the horse's name was King, and I was over the moon happy that day. I remember being very shy around her because she was so pretty when she smiled at me. She was very kind. Patty Russell Prescott, Washington City, Utah

Patty Russell Prescott - January 05, 2025 at 12:36 AM