



Donna Lou Jillson

January 16, 1941 - May 22, 2024

Donna Lou “nee Cilek” Jillson, age 83 passed away May 22, 2024 surrounded by her children when the angels came to escort her home to Heaven. She was born at home on January 16, 1941 and was a lifelong resident of Crown Point, IN. She was preceded in death by her parents- Charles John Cilek and Lillian Viola “nee Broomhead” Cilek; husband- Neil H. Jillson Sr.; daughters- Shelly Rae Lancaster and Susie Lancaster. Donna is survived by her sister- Betty Jane (Bob) Osika; daughters- Sheryl (Bill) Reno, Daunine Jillson, Dana (Ray) Vorreyer; only son- Neil H. (Angie) Jillson Jr; 12 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; numerous relative and special friends, childhood lifelong friend that she spoke daily with Arlyne Burge and “the brother she never had” (as she would always say) Red Hulen. She was a very dedicated loving wife, mother and homemaker. Donna loved Jesus all the days of her life! In her youth, she played softball and was a great pitcher; bowled on leagues for many years, enjoyed playing cards, watching old westerns and always reading her bible, praying and listening to Christian tv or music. Her favorite Hymn was IN THE GARDEN. She traveled often throughout her life with family or visiting friends and had a full blessed life. Donna was loved by so many and will be truly missed. In honor of her wishes, there will be a private service with her children. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Marlene K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Lou Jillson.*

Marlene K. - June 02, 2024 at 04:16 AM

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“ *My Aunt Donna was always nice to me. She never made fun of me or hurt my feelings. When I was pregnant and not married, she never called me insulting names or put me down. She said she understood and still loved me just the same. She told me that I shouldn't feel ashamed or that I did anything wrong. She said she knew I just was looking for someone to love me. Dana is 1 year and 3 days older than my daughter, Michelle. One time when Dana and Michelle were playing with each other, I went to the mall to shop. My mom and grandma and Donna were there visiting together. While I was gone Dana decided to rub vasiline in Michelle's hair. My grandma is saying OMG Delores is going to throw a fit. Donna was washing Michelle's hair a number of times trying to get the vasiline out of her hair. Well, I noticed it when I got to grandma's house. They all said that the girls were playing. It didn't all come out then but after more hair washes it did. They said that the girls were playing quietly. I told them that they should have known something was up. Aunt Donna was loving to my children and was loving to us all. I miss her and loved her very much. She was in my prayers as well as her children and their families. I will hold her in my heart always. RIP. I love you.*

Delores Osika Froom - May 29, 2024 at 02:47 AM

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“ Condolences to her children,, Donna and I always kept in contact with each other,,,,,she was a nice lady

Billie Rothschild - May 28, 2024 at 06:18 PM

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DONNA WAS MY EX WIFE AND WE HAVE HAD OUR PROBLEMS., BUT AS A MOM SHE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR OUR 3 GIRLS, WE LOST 2 OF THEM WAY TO EARLY SO SHE UNDERSTOOD HEARTACHE. SHE WAS A CHRISTIAN SO I KNOW WHERE SHE IS NOW . .R I P DEAR DONNA. GIVE HUGS TO THE ONES WHO WENT BEFORE.

RICHARD LANCASTER - May 29, 2024 at 11:19 AM