



## Donna K. Cohen

November 10, 1938 - July 22, 2010

Donna K. Cohen, age 71, of Hobart, beloved mother of Melissa (Daniel Sawochka) Cohen and Lukas (Carla) Cohen, adored grandmother to Max and Rachel died on Thursday, July 22, 2010 after a long and courageous battle with emphysema. She is also survived by her loving sister Barbara Kennedy, brother George (Arlene) Golightly and many loving nieces and nephews. She was born in Metropolis, IL to Herbert (Ironworker Local 395) and Nevil Golightly who preceded her in death. Donna moved to Lake County, IN in her teens. She worked for Marv and Ben Rosen at Sports World in Gary, IN where she met Max Cohen. They married in 1960. The marriage ended amicably and together they raised their children.

Determined to set an example for Melissa and Lukas, Donna returned to school obtaining her teaching degree and Masters in Education from Indiana University Northwest. For over 25 years she skillfully taught at Polk Elementary School in Lake Station with her unique blend of humor and compassion until her health simply would not permit her to continue. She had a positive and enduring impact on the students in her charge. Her former students often visited and called to thank her for providing them with a solid foundation.

Donna enjoyed immensely the company of her special "swamp witches" bridge club and her teacher's club. She was a member and Fundraiser of the Hobart Community Fund (HIEDC). Many will remember her jovial spirit while participating in the annual Dam Duck Race.

During her life she enjoyed travel, a good joke, cooking, reading and most of all spending quality time with her children and grandchildren. She was a woman of class, warmth and wit devoted to her family and loyal to her friends. She gave so much to so many. She will be remembered with love and a smile and missed by all those who knew her. Visitation will be Tuesday, July 27, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th Street, Hobart. Funeral services will follow at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ Aunt Donna was always the life of the party and the center of my attentions. She always made me feel the most important but in my heart of hearts I know she did this with each person she knew. Her confidences in me always made me stronger. She was always such an amazing lady. She was the "spice" of life. It's makes me cry each time I think about it, just realizing she's not around anymore. Her wild antics make memory so vivid, her passion for life and others am inspiration. May she live on in the lives of people she's impacted. She always kept you entertained.

She was the one who taught me the early stages of socializing. I was always the youngest. So to keep me entertained she'd teach me jokes to walk around and tell everyone.

She was the only one who taught me to eat green beans, saying they'd make my eyes sparkle and my hair shine. She taught me my multiplication tables. I will miss being able to hang out with her.

As a young girl I was always intrigued by her sophistication. She was always just so glamorous to me. She will always be my very favorite aunt.

I love you Aunt Donna. Your memory is alive and well in my heart. I look forward to the day I see you again. Missed but never forgotten. The long lists of things you taught me will remain in me.

RIP###imported-begin###Nicole Kennedy###imported-end###

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August 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lukas & Family,*

*Just wanted you to know that I was thinking about you at this most difficult time. May God comfort you.##imported-begin##Minietta Nelson##imported-end##*

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July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy*

*Stan amd Rose kowalewski Family##imported-begin##Stan and Rose Kowalewski##imported-end##*

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July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Mota family extends it sympathey to Melissa and her family with all our love. Your mothers love will always be in your heart.##imported-begin##Jlm Mota and Jori Friend##imported-end##*

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July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kim and Don Biesen##imported-end##*

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July 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM