



Donna M. McLaughlin

May 20, 1945 - August 16, 2020

Donna M. McLaughlin, age 75 of Wilmington, DE, passed away suddenly with her daughters by her side on Sunday, August 16, 2020, at Christiana Hospital in Newark, DE. Donna was born on May 20, 1945, in Wilmington, DE, the eldest daughter of the late Donald and Dorothy (Smidt) Chance. She attended St. Matthew's School and graduated from Henry C. Conrad High School. Donna was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church. As the Chance family matriarch she was known as "Mom-Mom" by many and will be truly missed. Donna was the family record keeper for birthdays, there wasn't one she couldn't recall and there are hundreds. This was her gift.

Donna was an LPN by trade working in the maternity ward at the General Division Hospital and Tilton Terrace Nursing Home. She then later chose to open a home childcare where she nurtured and cared for many children whose parents mostly worked at the General Division. These children became part of the family.

Donna loved butterflies, they always made her feel at peace. She enjoyed playing bingo and helping prepare potluck meals at her senior living residence. Donna had a kind heart and offered to help anyone in need. Donna's most enjoyment came from spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; each moment with them filled her heart with joy.

In addition to her parents, Donna was preceded in death by her loving husband, Joseph E. McLaughlin (1994). They can now continue their eternal journey together. Also preceded in death by her brothers: Louis, Thomas, Willard, Phillip, and Michael; her sister, Rosemary Chance; and grandson, Randy "Stinks" Cordel. She is survived by her daughters, Theresa Cordel (Randy) and Christine McNier (Keith); grandchildren: Joseph (Amanda), Lawrence Gene, Alyssa (Thomas), Keith Jr., Jesse (Megan), and Sara Rose; great-grandchildren: Randy III "Bam", Joseph II, Audrey, Hunter John, Ace, Shawn, TJ, Kala and Hunter Jaxson; sisters, Margaret Chance and Regina Chance; and brother, James "Bimbo" Chance (Brookie). Donna was honorary "Mom-Mom" to Nicole Smith (Chance) and Jennifer Chance - nieces by birth but so much more in her heart; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held Saturday, August 22, 2020, from 12-1 PM at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchman's Rd., Newark, DE 19702 followed by a service in celebration of Donna's life at 1 PM. In lieu of flowers and in honor of her late husband, donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society. For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

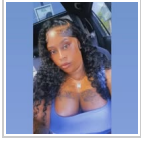
Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ I have wonderful memories with Ms Donna and I miss her dearly I was just sitting here thinking about how she was my first client I ever had when I started as a cna and I just thank her for having me as her cna I wish I could of talk to her one more I left Delaware aug 1 of 2020 and she passed away 16 days later that I left and I was calling her to see how she was doing and to get no call back from her hurt me dearly and then I look her up to find out she went home to be with the lord. I miss you everyday Ms Donna love you sooo much and thank you for everything signed Macy Your favorite Caregiver

Mimi Darealest - June 10, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Donna M. McLaughlin.



August 22, 2020 at 09:09 AM

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“ I have so many memories with my grandmother Donna...I remember all the drives we took together and songs we sang...She had so much love and enjoyed keeping busy!! I loved getting all the random phones calls from her asking about her Great Grandchildren and if they needed anything or that she was at the store looking for outfits and blankets for them...We are going to miss you so much granny/GiGi Rest In Peace and watch over all of us We love you very much



Alyssa W - August 21, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna M. McLaughlin.



August 21, 2020 at 03:39 AM

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“ My condolences to Donna's family. I got a chance to know her in her later years. She tried very hard to keep herself active and useful despite her medical issues. She seemed to love to be busy and stay busy.
May she rest in peace.

name withheld - August 19, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna M. McLaughlin.*



August 18, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna M. McLaughlin.*



August 18, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna M. McLaughlin.*



August 18, 2020 at 08:57 PM