



Donna M. Messick

April 3, 1960 - June 26, 2024

Donna Messick, age 64, of New Castle, DE, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, surrounded by the comfort of her family. Donna was born in Wilmington, DE to the late Stanley & Patricia Wyszynski on April 3, 1960. Her formative years were spent at St Peters Catholic School & then William Penn High School where she graduated class of 1978. She participated in many clubs & formed strong friendships during that time which lasted a lifetime.

Donna was always a hard worker and dedicated herself to her employer, Little World Nursery School, in New Castle for 20+ years. That time was spent caring & nurturing children from infants to school age. She made her mark and touched several generations that remember her to this day. She was also a proud “cook” for them during that time providing homemade food for snack/lunches until she couldn’t any longer & had to retire early.

Donna loved her family, immediate & extended, like nothing else. She was the go-to and rock for us all. She enjoyed spending time with them whether it be hosting & entertaining parties, camping, going to the beach, eating crabs and riding on the Harley with her husband. She also loved gardening; her flower bed drew attention from passersby who would comment of its beauty. In her later years they moved into a community where she made many new close friends that cared for each other

If anything, she loved hard and went above and beyond for anyone that needed a hand in any aspect. She sacrificed so much for so many without skipping a beat.

Donna is survived by her loving & devoted husband of 42 years, Rodney; children, Shannon McCray (Armstrong), and Brett Messick (wife, Kara); grandchildren: Jordyn, Leah, Thomas, Brett, Savannah, Nikkia & Kala; sisters, Nancy Martin (Jim) and Mary Hainsworth (John); brothers: Charles, Terry & Will Wyszynski; and many aunts/uncles, nieces/nephews, in-laws, cousins and friends. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Rodney Messick Jr.

A viewing will be held Monday, July 8, 2024, from 10:30 AM- 12 Noon at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19702 followed by a celebration of Donna's life at 12 Noon. For directions or to send an online condolence, visit www.stranofeeley.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 8. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd.
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459

Memorial Service

JUL 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ I remember Donna, Carol and my Mom sitting at Carols Table and just laughing and gossiping I remember Donna’s beautiful smile and contagious laugh I know she is in heaven smiling and laughing with my Mom you will be miss love the Clerval family

Little Shirley Clerval - July 17, 2024 at 07:03 PM

MR

“ I was so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. We went from Kindergarten at Asbury, through St. Pete's and graduating from William Penn H.S. I ran into her a few times after high school and actually talked to her after Shannon started working for Colonial S.D. I'm sorry I didn't stay in touch. She was the sweetest girl and I know that she is now out of pain and with her wonderful parents again. Marybeth (Knox) Russell

Marybeth Russell - July 08, 2024 at 01:24 PM

FF

“ Rodney,
I am sorry for the loss of your wife Donna. She will always be with you. You'll remember how it felt to laugh with her and be loved by her. I hope and pray those memories bring comfort in time. May the Lord's peace be with you.
-Frank Ferriola

Frank Ferriola - July 08, 2024 at 09:31 AM

JO

“ All our love and prayers at this sad time. I know there are great memories of such a good person. Donna was a person who touched your heart and loved her kids and grandkids deeply.

Johnstone's - July 06, 2024 at 07:05 AM

CE

“ I cared for Donna while she was in physical therapy/rehab and she was a gem. Every day with her smile was a brighter day. Sending love and prayers to Hot Rod and the kids and anyone else who’s life Donna touched. ❤️

Caitlyn Esposti - July 03, 2024 at 09:07 AM

GT

“ Donna was my co-worker and friend all through my 16 years at Little World Nursery School. We remained friends after I left. I will remember all the memories we made when we were together. I always felt like part of her family. Rest in peace my dear friend. You will be missed. Love you always and forever. Gail



Gail Taylor - July 02, 2024 at 02:41 PM

PF

“ Pitt Friends purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donna M. Messick.



Pitt Friends - July 02, 2024 at 09:30 AM

AG

“ Angela Garyantes lit a candle in memory of Donna Messick



Angela Garyantes - July 02, 2024 at 06:52 AM

AB

“ *Amalia & Bruce purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donna M. Messick.*



Amalia & Bruce - July 01, 2024 at 05:44 PM

CS

“ *camelia stoner lit a candle in memory of Donna Messick*



camelia stoner - July 01, 2024 at 02:35 PM

CS

“ *I am deeply sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the memories shared and strength in each other as you navigate through this loss.*

With heartfelt sympathy,

Camelia Stoner Curtis

camelia stoner - July 01, 2024 at 02:33 PM

JH

“ Malc and I and family will miss and love Donna so much. Donna was there for us through our losses and always helped us get through. I will miss our talks about everything for hours and miss the times we had together. May Donna rest in peace and Thoughts and Prayers to Rod and family. Gods Garden must be Beautiful because he only takes the Best. Much love to Donna's whole family...

James and Carol Hodges - July 01, 2024 at 02:33 PM

DE

My heart is with you all. May she rest in peace. Love to you Rod. ❤️

Donna Ezrow - July 02, 2024 at 12:39 AM

DM

“ Diane M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna M. Messick.

Diane M. - July 01, 2024 at 02:32 PM

DM

“ Diane M. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donna M. Messick.



Diane M. - July 01, 2024 at 02:32 PM