



Donna Bensley

September 2, 1933 - May 15, 2018

DONNA BENSLEY

Donna Louise Bensley, age 84, of Versailles, Missouri, passed away Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri. She was born September 2, 1933 in Des Moines, Iowa, a daughter of the late Hollis Rawson and Fay (Toepfer) Israel.

In 1952, she was united in marriage to Marion James Bensley and together they shared forty-three years of marriage before his passing in December of 1995.

Donna was raised in Des Moines, Iowa and after her marriage lived in various places. She moved to the Lake of the Ozarks ten years ago and became a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, Missouri. She retired from AT&T as a manager after twenty-eight years of service. To say she loved cats was an understatement and her cats adored her. She was an avid football fan as well.

Survivors include her four sons, Marion James Bensley, Jr. of Warner Robins, Georgia, Hollis Dale Bensley and wife Viola of Camdenton, Missouri, Michael Allen Bensley and wife Lillian of Cherryville, North Carolina and Todd Steven Bensley and wife Jenelle of Coldwater, Michigan; twenty-four grandchildren;

twenty-eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a sister, Mary Lou Kile of Hesperia, California; a brother, Hollis Toepfer of Sierra Vista, Arizona and many other relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 18, 2018 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Laurie, Missouri. Visitation will be from 10:00-11:00 a.m., Friday at the church. Graveside services and burial will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 21, 2018 in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa.

Memorial donations may be made to Ozarks Kat and K9 Shelter.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
176 Marian Dr.
Gravois Mills, MO 65037
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ *I think about you all the time. You have no idea how much I miss you. I love you so much.
kissey kissey kissey*

Mary - December 31, 2018 at 03:23 PM

MW

“ *I still can't believe you are gone. I miss you so much Grandmacita. You have no idea how much. I love you more than life itself...*

Mary Wood - July 27, 2018 at 12:30 PM

MA

“ *Mary sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna Bensley*



mary - July 12, 2018 at 09:29 AM

MA

Just thinking about you. I love you, kissy kissy kissy

mary - July 12, 2018 at 09:30 AM

MW

“ *I miss you more than ever. I love you so much my grandmacita.*

Mary Wood - May 31, 2018 at 12:21 PM

MW

“ *Mary Wood lit a candle in memory of Donna Bensley*

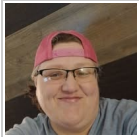


mary wood - May 22, 2018 at 03:23 PM

MW

I miss you so much grandmacita

mary wood - May 22, 2018 at 03:24 PM



“ *Donna what can i say, i started off as your CNA when you had your first knee surgery and we hit it off and soon you were grandma Donna and then you came back with your second knee surgery and we picked up were we left off. We talked about football, the old man aka your cat and your family. You were always willing to talk about relationship advice and hooking me up with your granddaughter. They say you have left us but your not truly gone for you live in our hearts everyday. Until we meet again my friend i love you*

Patricia Chapman - May 22, 2018 at 12:26 PM

TR

“ *Ms Donna...we will miss your smiling face. Sorry the girls and I could not attend your services. Please know that you will forever be in our hearts.*

The girls from WestSide Rehab

Tenessa Rehmer - May 18, 2018 at 04:03 PM

DR

“ My Aunt Donna was my namesake. She was always big Donna and I was little Donna. When I spoke to her a few years ago, I told her she had shrink so much she was little Donna now!

Aunt Donna was always cheerful and fun to be around. I remember her killing chickens in the yard by twisting their necks. I remember her cats, she loved her cats. Going to their home was like going on an adventure, whether it was in Santa Monica or at the hills home. I remember watching Bonanza on their color TV. I remember playing ball in the street and beating all the boys. When I got older and stopped playing with the "younger cousins" , the uncles asked what was wrong with me. Aunt Donna said to everyone, "she's growing up into a young woman." She understood.

My cousins, I am sorry for your loss. Your mom touched many with her happiness, positive attitude and love.

Donna Rogers - May 18, 2018 at 08:54 AM

JA

“ i took an orange out of your fridge yesterday , since you couldn't be here to offer me one. love you grandma 💜



jessica andrade - May 18, 2018 at 06:52 AM

MW

“ Mary Wood sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna Bensley



Mary Wood - May 17, 2018 at 08:54 AM