



Donna Rae Fitzpatrick

January 30, 1948 - February 15, 2015

Donna Rae Fitzpatrick
(nee Metzka)

Age 67, of Custer Park, IL, passed away Sunday, February 15, 2015 at Rush-Copley Medical Center in Aurora, IL. Born January 30, 1948 in Joliet, IL to the late Elmer and Violet (nee Hinrich) Metzka.

Donna was a graduate of the Reed-Custer High School class of 1966. She furthered her education at Illinois State University, graduating in 1970. She was a teacher for more than 30 years, having taught at Reed-Custer High School in Braidwood, IL and Gardner South Wilmington High School in Gardner, IL. She was a member of the Grundy County Retired Teacher's Association. She enjoyed baking, gardening and especially spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law Robyn and Jeremy Meek of Oswego, IL; three grandchildren, Annabelle, Emeline and William; six sisters, Marlene (Ross) Jennings of Sterling, IL, Myrna (Vernon) Hoffman of Sebring, FL, Linda (Hovey) Williams, Jr. of Plainfield, IL, Bonnie Metzka of Wilmington, IL, Vicki (Ronald) Bradbury of Bonfield, IL and Cheryl Metzka of Custer Park, IL; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by one nephew, John Hutton.

Cremation rites were accorded. Visitation will be at the R. W. Patterson Funeral Homes Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel on Friday February 20, from 4-8 p.m.

Inurnment will be private in Custer Township Cemetery in Custer Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in her name may be directed to GAMA (Galactosemia Association of Midwest America).

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Cemetery Details

Custer Township Cemetery

Grant Street
Custer Park, IL 60481

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Fond memories of seeing Donna work late and fun times as her end of the year faculty get togethers at her home along the river would cap off another school year*

Robyn, I enjoyed being one of her coworkers and she was all about the kids at school as well as boasting about you and her grandchildren.. She added to my life and many others. May she rest in the Lord. Jim & Joylene Fair

Jim Fair - March 02, 2015 at 02:13 PM

PS

“ *My sincerest condolences to your family at this time! Mrs. Fitzpatrick was an awesome teacher, and, I enjoyed learning cooking skills under her tutelage. My thoughts and prayers are with you all!*



Peg Scott - March 01, 2015 at 09:37 PM

JD

“ *Robyn and Family, Donna's sisters and families--So very sad that Donna is gone. I worked with her at Reed-Custer H.S. for many years. She was a wonderful friend and colleague and an excellent teacher. Loved her sense of humor. My most heartfelt condolences to you all. Jeanne Durrer*



Jeanne D - February 20, 2015 at 05:06 PM

LE

“ My prayers and sympathy to all of Donna's family. I have many memories of Donna and her sisters as we grew up in beloved little Custer Park and attended the, then, 4 room schoolhouse. Love and hugs to you all.

Lenora Hoffman Earley

Lenora Hoffman Earley - February 20, 2015 at 09:26 AM

RF

“ Robyn & family,
We are so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time.
A memory I can share is that we shared a similar name. At about the time your mom & dad married, I also was getting married. She became Donna Fitzpatrick & I became Donna Flowers, although I still like to be called Donna Fitzpatrick Flowers especially around St. Patrick's Day.

Take care. I know she is already in heaven probably enjoying tutoring again.

God Bless her and all of you,

Rob & Donna Flowers

Tucson, AZ

Rob & Donna Flowers - February 19, 2015 at 04:50 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Donna Rae Fitzpatrick.



February 19, 2015 at 03:52 PM

MF

“ To Donna's daughter and family, sisters and families we send our deepest sympathies to each of you on her passing. I have many fond memories of Donna as when we were young our families spent many times visiting together. We had in common our family of four girls with the Metzkas being a family of seven girls, Donna and I being the same age. We are so sorry for each of you on your loss and hold all of you in our prayers for much peace and comfort now and always. God Bless, Marsha Palazzini Ford



Marsha Palazzini Ford - February 19, 2015 at 01:58 PM

DJ

“ Donna was always one of the first teachers at school in the morning and one of the last to leave at the end of the day....She spent many hours at She GSW on the weekends preparing her lessons and grading papers. Most importantly, she really cared about her students!. She was what I think a teacher was meant to be!

Dan Jerbi - February 19, 2015 at 05:17 AM

AB

“ My condolences to Ms. Fitzpatrick's family. She taught me keyboarding class and accounting at GSW class of 96. It's what I do today! She was one of my favorite teachers. Rest in peace!

Alicia Brassard - February 18, 2015 at 04:13 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Rae Fitzpatrick.*



February 18, 2015 at 03:09 PM



“ *Miss Fitzpatrick was one of my favorite teachers back in the late 70's. I had her for two classes, she was so easy to learn from, not to mention so patient and funny. She comes from a great family of teachers as well. I don't always remember all my teachers, but I do those that had a place in my heart! So sorry to hear of her passing.*
Jim & Tonie Kuchar

tonie kuchar - February 18, 2015 at 12:15 PM



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Robyn Meek - February 17, 2015 at 11:42 PM



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Robyn Meek - February 17, 2015 at 11:41 PM

JH

“ Sending my love and thoughts to Ms Fitz's family during this time. She was one of my favorite teachers at GSW. Her keyboarding and book-keeping classes were among my favorites and started me down my path to a wonderful and successful accounting career! Rest in Peace Ms Fitz! I owe a huge thanks to you :) I'll see you again someday!



Jennifer Heiman - February 17, 2015 at 08:32 PM

LR

“ Bonnie, so sorry to learn of your loss. She was a precious amazing sister for you and yours. May God give you comfort.



Lee Roberts - February 17, 2015 at 07:07 PM