



Donna Jean Muzzarelli

May 26, 1945 - December 14, 2021

Donna J. Muzzarelli
(nee Grieff)

Age 76, of Pontiac, IL passed away Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at OSF St. James Hospital in Pontiac, IL. Born May 26, 1945 in Morris, IL to the late Lyle Henry and Ruth Gladys (nee Larson) Grieff. Donna was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church in Dwight. She retired from the Fox Developmental Center in Dwight and then continued to work as a school bus driver for the Pontiac School District. Donna grew up on a dairy farm and gained a love for cows, including any or all cow decorations. She was very involved with her church life at United Methodist. She enjoyed volunteering and also singing with the Praise Team that traveled locally to many functions. Donna had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone without hesitation. She was a proud mother and grandmother and enjoyed spending time with her daughter and grandchildren. Donna will always be remembered for her kind soul and her light will continue to shine in the lives of her daughter and grandchildren. Surviving are her daughter, Tina Sue (fiance, Kevin Thompson) Muzzarelli of Dwight; ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Lynn Grieff of South Wilmington, IL; many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends; and her beloved Pomeranian, "Princess". Preceding her in death were her parents, Lyle and Ruth; daughter, Lori Sue Muzzarelli (April 1971); husband, Edwin Keith "Muzzy" Muzzarelli (2-13-2007), whom she married May 22, 1965 in Dwight; brother, Dale Grieff; and dear friend, Dee

Hanner. Visitation for Donna will be at the United Methodist Church in Dwight, Saturday, December 18, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service beginning at 12:00 noon. Interment will follow in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, Braceville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to the United Methodist Church in Dwight or the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery

7295 W. Braceville Road
Braceville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church-Dwight
701 South Columbia Street
Dwight, IL 60420

Service

DEC 18. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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701 South Columbia Street
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Tribute Wall

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“ My sympathy to her family. I had not seen her in many years, but we met again as bus drivers for 429. We shared many memories of our younger years in 4-H in Dwight, then again of our bus driving experiences. I know she will be showing cows and driving a bus in heaven.

Billie Dillon

Billie Dillon - December 21, 2021 at 09:16 AM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss I loved being in ladies of faith with her and all the McDonald's trip with my grandma and Donna just to sit and talk for hours. She will be dearly missed by everybody and again I'm so sorry for your loss but heaven has gained a beautiful angel.

brittany broadwater - December 17, 2021 at 05:44 PM

CS

“ Donna was my son's first bus driver, she was not only kind with him but helped me alot with him. My son loved her the most out of his bus drivers and he loved his daily morning hugs and asking her how her day was. She was also a regular of mine at the family kitchen. She was so funny and sweet and had my type of humor. I'm so sorry for your loss she was truly an amazing woman.

Clarissa Serafinn - December 17, 2021 at 01:07 PM

GW

“ so sorry for your loss

George Williams - December 17, 2021 at 07:27 AM

SR

“ Tina

I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's death. You and your family were a very special part of our family at Mom and Me Camp. We have many fond memories of you, Donna and the kids over the years. I pray God's comfort and peace for all of you. You are precious to Him and to us.

Love,

Shirley Ryan (the "camp lady".)

"Smile....Jesus loves you!" 🙏

Shirley Ryan - December 16, 2021 at 03:48 PM

SB

Tina, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. Loved that woman. We were constantly picking on each other had so much fun working with her on the bus. Hugs and prayers to you and Cami!!!!

sue Bryant - December 16, 2021 at 10:42 PM

CP

“ So sorry to hear of Donna's passing!!



Cami Parks - December 16, 2021 at 11:36 AM