



Donna K. Trainor

August 2, 1928 - October 24, 2024

Donna Trainor, 96, of Tinton Falls, NJ and formerly from Herkimer, NY, and Pasadena, MD, peacefully passed away after a recent illness, on Thursday, October 24, 2024. Donna was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a dear friend to so many others. A true beacon of faith and love, Donna exemplified the virtues of compassion, grace, and unwavering belief in God.

Born August 2, 1928, in Syracuse, NY., Donna dedicated her life to her family and her faith. Donna married the love of her life, the late William W. Trainor on August 26, 1950, in Mohawk, NY. They spent 48 wonderful years together and built a home rooted in love and guided by their shared beliefs. Their bond was a beautiful testament to God's design for marriage, embodying partnership, respect, and endless support.

Donna moved to Mohawk, NY as a young child and attended Mohawk School District. After graduation, she attended Albany Business College in Albany, NY where she earned a secretarial degree and met "Bill Trainor". Over the years, she held a variety of secretarial jobs. Her most rewarding job was working as a Medical Transcriptionist at Herkimer Memorial Hospital/Valley Health Services for many years.

As a mother, Donna was a guiding light, always providing support and encouragement. Her home was a sanctuary filled with laughter, warmth, and the delicious aromas of her cooking. She delighted in creating memories with her family, cherishing every moment spent together and she loved to throw

parties for her and Bill's many close friends in Herkimer!

As a grandmother and great-grandmother, she found endless joy in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her eyes sparkled with pride as she watched them grow, and she took joy in every achievement, big or small. She shared her love through stories, hugs, and the simple act of being present. She was also a cherished aunt and cousin who was known for her wisdom, humor, and generous spirit. Her family looked up to her not only as a relative but as a mentor and friend. She had a remarkable ability to listen, and her advice was always thoughtful and sincere.

Donna spent her life enjoying many hobbies to include gardening, playing bridge and card games, book club, Red Hat Society, Skiing, and traveling all over the United States and Europe. Donna also found strength and solace in her faith. Whether through her participation in St Anselm's church activities, community service, or volunteer work, she dedicated herself to serving others and living out the teachings of Christ.

Donna is survived by her beautiful family: Michael (Barbara) of Punta Gorda, FL; Stacia Bryant (Jonathan) of Tinton Falls, NJ; Susan Morneau (Frank) of Millersville, MD; and Stephen Trainor (Robin) of Bentonville, AR. Donna was also blessed with ten grandchildren: Lindsay Trainor, Connor Bryant (Melissa), Ryan Trainor (Kathryn), Patrick Bryant (Jacki), Matthew Morneau (Amy), Gill Trainor (Olga), Kevin Bryant, Tyler Trainor, Phillip Trainor, and Christopher Morneau (Betsy), and six great-grandchildren: Emma Bryant, Jack Bryant, Avery Trainor, Andrew Morneau, Aiden Trainor, and Emily Morneau.

Her life was a living testimony to the power of love and faith, and her legacy will continue to inspire all who knew her. Donna will be deeply missed by everyone.

A visitation will be held at The Church of St Anselm, 1028 Wayside Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07712, Friday November 8th at 10am, followed by a Catholic Mass at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, Donna's family requests donations to The Church of St Anselm, a Roman Catholic Parish of the Diocese of Trenton at 1028 Wayside

Rd., Tinton Falls, NJ 07712.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Anselm
1028 Wayside Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Memorial Mass

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1028 Wayside Rd
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712-3146
(732) 493-4411

Tribute Wall

JP

“ I loved your mom. She was friends with my parents Dave and Dorothy Harrienger. When dad died, your mom stayed an extra month with my mom and I at Perdido beach. She really is one of the nicest people I have ever known. I never heard a fowl word come from her mouth about anyone.

I remember your father also. Our family used to get together with you folks when we were younger. Much younger. Stacie. I always was jealous of you. You were and probably still are gorgeous. I would go home from visiting you and try to get my hair to do what yours did.

Oh and what a crush I had on Michael. Such a handsome devil. I shall always remember your mom and her soft tone. She and I talked a lot during her stay in FL.

I live in Jacksonville FL. Have been here on and off since 78.

Married a military pilot and have a son who now lives in Jacksonville beach. I think your mom met him.

I consider it an honor to know your family and you all shall have a special place in my heart. The pain of losing a loved one hurts to the core. Just know that I am thinking of your entire family during this time. God bless to all.

Love

Jean harrienger powers

Jean Marie Powers - November 09, 2024 at 08:30 PM

RD

“ I think gracious best describes Donna. She had a way to make people she spoke to feel special. God speed Donna.

Richard Denny - November 08, 2024 at 09:46 AM

PS

“ *Phyllis Searby lit a candle in memory of Donna K. Trainor*



Phyllis Searby - November 05, 2024 at 10:16 AM

PS

I met Donna through mutual friends . I enjoyed visiting with her and having lunch on her back deck and talking. Those were lively days for us. She fought with some of her conditions and never complained or gave up. She was the kindest and gentlest of women I know and my memories of her I will always keep. I am honored to have known her.

phyllis searby - November 05, 2024 at 10:31 AM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Donna K. Trainor*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - October 31, 2024 at 09:25 AM

JT

“ *Donna Trainor and I met in a yoga class in 2016 and became friends. Our favorite outing for lunch was Bahr's in the Highlands for Lobster Rolls. Our favorite high tea was The Mathis House in Toms River. I think about her often and find that she will be missed as my life long friend.*

Joan Trafford

Joan Trafford - October 29, 2024 at 11:07 PM

PS

I miss her too, Joan. Her friendship meant a lot to me. We sure had fun together.

Phyllis Searby - November 06, 2025 at 01:45 PM