



Donna K. Martin

April 29, 1957 - February 8, 2024

Donna K. Martin, age 66 of Robinson, IL formerly of Mattoon, IL passed away Thursday, February 8, 2024, at her residence in Robinson, IL.

A funeral service in her honor will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, February 16, 2024, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. A committal will immediately follow at Calvary Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Thursday, February 15, 2024, at the funeral home.

Donna was born on April 29, 1957, to the late John L. and Martha A. (Chrest) Martin. She is survived by her daughter, Shay Blanchette and husband Andrew of McCordsville, IN; one brother, Edward Martin and wife Barbara of East Norriton, PA; sister-in-law, Diane Martin of Streator, IL; two nieces, Stephanie Martin and significant other Lance Garrison of Springfield, IL, Natalie (Martin) Russo and husband Daniel of Conshohocken, PA; one great niece, Olive Russo; one great nephew, Wyatt Russo. She was preceded in death by one brother, John "Jack" Martin.

A 1975 graduate of Streator High School in Streator, IL, Donna received her Bachelor of Accounting with a Minor in Business Administration from Illinois State University in Normal, IL in 1979. She later graduated from the University of Illinois in Springfield, IL with a Master of Business Administration in 1995. Donna's impressive career began in June of 1979 as a Public Accountant for Kerber, Eck & Braeckel LLP in Springfield, IL. In 1984 she became the Director of Accounting at Illinois Commerce Commission in Springfield, IL.

She accepted a new job offer in 1997 as Corporate Compliance and Privacy Officer at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL that she enjoyed for twenty years before receiving her final position as Chief Compliance Officer at Crawford Memorial Hospital in Robinson, IL retiring in 2023.

A faithful and dedicated member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mattoon, IL, Donna served in many capacities, such as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program, Eucharistic Minister, Communion to the Homebound, Table of Eight and Pastoral Council. She was also a member of the Springfield Jaycees and Health Care Compliance Association.

After adopting her daughter Shay in 1997, Donna became extremely involved in her daughter's school events and extra-curricular activities. Traveling for work and with family and friends always brought much joy to Donna. She especially loved the Outer Banks in North Carolina. She was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. She enjoyed reading, sitting on her back porch with a Diet Coke and watching nature, and spending time with family and friends. Throughout her life, Donna made many friends that she dearly loved. She was passionate about life and family, especially her daughter, Shay, who was her greatest accomplishment. The memories of Donna will forever live in the hearts of her loved ones.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Shay I am so sorry to hear of Donna’s passing. She spoke of you often and always with love for her daughter. I work at CMH and spoke with her most days. She has a sweet soul I will remember her often. Sherry Tedford

Sherry Tedford - February 23, 2024 at 09:24 PM

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“ I knew Donna during her time at Crawford Memorial Hospital. I worked with her as a hospital board member in her capacity as our Compliance Officer. She brought competence and enthusiasm to her position, which was greatly appreciated. Until I retired, I was also her personal physician. I was so privileged to meet Shay and Andrew at her retirement dinner. She was a joy to have known and is greatly missed at Crawford Memorial. My heartfelt condolences to all her family. Gregory Kastner, MD

Gregory Kastner - February 15, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ * purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donna K. Martin.



* - February 14, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ 107 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - February 14, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ *Team Chevy at Flock Safety purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donna K. Martin.*



Team Chevy at Flock Safety - February 13, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ *Team Chevy at Flock Safety planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna K. Martin.*

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“ Tina Brownen and your Jewel-Osco family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna K. Martin.

Tina Brownen and your Jewel-Osco family. - February 13, 2024 at 05:24 PM



“ Our hearts are broken, Donna was a wonderful friend and neighbor and we enjoyed watching Shay grow up from a little baby through graduation. We only wish we could attend but, are in Florida. Always remember the calls to remove the bat from the house. Our love and prayers go out to the Martin family. Donna was always so proud of you Shay.
Bob and Susan Riggert

Bob and Susan Riggert - February 13, 2024 at 10:50 AM

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Donna was a great friend thru our Jaycee woman years and Jaycee years, we traveled many times together to Jaycee conventions and spent the entire weekend attending trainings and volunteering at many projects the Jaycees promoted, we shared a lot of laughs and many many awesome times together, one time really brings a smile to my face, we had a a group of us Jaycees traveling to a weekend convention, Merriam wanted to drive I choose to be on the passenger side, we were going 60 miles a hour down the interstate when Merriam realized we were gonna go over a bridge , she had a huge fears of bridges, she slams on the breaks ,stops the car and closed her eyes, we all knew we were in trouble as cars past us going 60-70 miles a hour, Donna

Yells out from the back seat Kolleen do something quick , Both Donna and myself get out of the car drag poor Merriam out of the driver seat so we could get yo the convention safe and sound, later as we shared the story we laughed and laughed we couldn't imagine how crazy we must of looked, but as a Jaycee team Putting our thoughts together we did get to the convention in one piece , needless to say we never let Merriam ever drive again, lol, This news was a shock to me and Donna will be missed, I will never forget the day Donna called me to let me know she was going to have a daughter, Shay was her whole life and I loved how she shared both Donna and Shay's journeys together all thru Shay's growing up years, her dancing recitals were beautiful, I loved how those years brought that beautiful smile to mommas face. Rest in peace Donna I know you will continue to be by Shay's side thru her journeys , just in a different way, Shay watch for her signs they will be there when you get them it will bring so much love to your heart. Your momma will never leave you her spirit will live in your heart forever.

Kolleen Mendenhall - February 14, 2024 at 10:02 AM

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“ *My sympathy to Shay and family*

Carolyn Erlen - February 13, 2024 at 12:15 AM