



## Jane L. Perry

August 28, 1937 - July 12, 2025

Jane L. (Johnston) Perry, age 87 of Bloomington, MN, formerly of Mattoon, IL, passed away Saturday July 12th, 2025.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL;

Reverend Todd Krost will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow in Dodge Grove Cemetery. The visitation will be held the same day from 9:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

An additional Celebration of Life will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, August 15, 2025, at Friendship Village of Bloomington, 8100 Highwood Drive, Bloomington, MN 55438.

Jane was born on August 28, 1937, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to the late Julian and Florence (Turner) Johnston. She married the love of her life, Donald D.

Perry on May 28, 1960; he preceded her in death on September 20, 2021.

She is survived by her son, Douglas D. Perry and wife Sarah of Bloomington, MN; three grandchildren, Gustavo, Julian, and Laila Perry, all of Bloomington, MN; and one sister, Janet A. McCannon of Denver, CO. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Julie L. Perry, and her sister, Salina Campbell.

Jane was proud of her education. She graduated from Mount Vernon (Iowa) High School in 1955 and received a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Illinois in 1959. She taught English in Newtown IL for some time. Later, she became a Library of Congress Certified Brailist and was the

Braille Specialist for Eastern Illinois Special Education for twenty-one years. Jane was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mattoon, IL., Delta Gamma Sorority, Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), as well as the National Braille Association.

Jane was a worldly traveler with trips to many foreign destinations. She enjoyed sailing, reading, and spending time on the South shore of Lake Superior. After Don's passing Jane relocated to Bloomington, MN to be closer to her family. She cherished being able to attend all grandchildren's hockey and baseball games that she could.

Jane lived a life of purpose and service, centered around her love for God, her family, and her community. She will be lovingly remembered.

Memorials in her honor may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741 or Grace Hospice 1015 4th Avenue North, Suite 206 Minneapolis, MN 55405.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 13. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
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## Service

SEP 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I was so blessed to cross paths with both Don and Jane. I assisted them with their giving to Lake Land College and loved every visit we had until my retirement. Their home was gorgeous and her hospitality was always classic. We would always visit for such a long time with so many shared interest. Thoughts and prayers are with her family and all who loved her.

Jackie Joines - September 10, 2025 at 08:36 AM



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Anonymous - August 04, 2025 at 01:09 PM



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Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - July 30, 2025 at 05:22 PM

BD

*Will remember her always as being a wonderful and welcoming lady. She was a former member of the First United Methodist Women's mission and service group and an alto in the Chancel Choir...she was a former member if the Rebecca Circle and Joyful Singers. She is and will b missed!*

**Beverly Dennis** - August 02, 2025 at 10:42 AM

SM

“ *Such a gracious and wonderful lady.*



**Sue Meyer** - July 26, 2025 at 08:29 AM

LE

*Such a good Joyful Singers choir buddy! We sang alto together for about 40 years at FUMC in Mattoon. Thanks Jane for the great memories!*

**Linda Eagleson** - August 26, 2025 at 01:17 AM

AS

“ *Alice Scott lit a candle in memory of Jane L. Perry*



**Alice Scott** - July 23, 2025 at 11:03 PM

EJ

*Jane and Don were our best friends in Mattoon, IL. I loved them both!*

**Ellaine Jett** - July 29, 2025 at 04:13 PM



*she was the best grandma ever*

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**laila** - October 07, 2025 at 01:28 PM