



MaDonna Lea McKittrick

August 6, 1937 - February 13, 2022

MaDonna Lea McKittrick, age 84, of Mattoon, IL, passed away Sunday evening, February 13, 2022, at Heartland Nursing Home and Rehabilitation in Casey, IL.

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of arrangements.

MaDonna was born on August 6, 1937, in Mattoon, IL to the late Samuel William and Velma Edith (Shanoltzer) McKittrick. She is survived by one brother, William D. McKittrick of Ellicott City, MD; three nephews, Richard, Steven, and Troy Lee, all of Mattoon, IL; and two nieces, Meredith McKittrick of Middletown, MD, and Melanie Danford of Kyle, TX. She is preceded in death by one sister, Jane Lee.

MaDonna was employed by Northrop Grumman as an executive secretary and was the first woman to go down the Minuteman Silo at the missile test site in Cape Canaveral, FL. Her phenomenal shorthand skills made her much in demand in an era before voice recording was widely available. She was a passionate traveler who visited thirty-three countries. Her greatest loves were her pets and her collections of antique glassware, jewelry, and other collectibles.

MaDonna was a strong and unforgettable personality. She was fiercely independent and justifiably proud of her achievements, which were rare for a woman of her generation. She was also famous for telling people exactly what she thought of them and, as many can attest, for holding grudges over slights

both real and perceived. She was one of a kind.

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.

Tribute Wall



“ *MaDonna Lea McKittrick*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *I met Madonna (Donna) in Australia on holiday in 1999 when I visited there with my mother from the UK. I kept in touch with her regularly via email and at Christmas from that time until late last year and have only now seen this obituary page for her. So sorry to know of her passing. A lovely lady. My condolences to her family.*

Jan - December 18, 2022 at 04:36 AM



“ *Madonna served at Mattoon High School helping students in our food pantry when I was principal there. I could often hear the conversations she had with students. She was always kind, respectful and compassionate with our students in need, I loved her and I'm so sad to hear of her passing.*

Michele Sinclair - March 18, 2022 at 07:57 PM



“ *MaDonna was one who always sent a reminder about the upcoming class breakfast and was a good friend.*

Nancy Plummer - March 10, 2022 at 05:43 PM

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“ Donna was a good friend that I learned to know and appreciate while I worked at JCPENNEY at the Cross County Mall. She would often stop and visit. We also enjoyed going out to lunch together. Will miss her.

Anna Mary Borotrager - March 02, 2022 at 04:39 PM

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“ Brenda Starwalt lit a candle in memory of MaDonna Lea McKittrick



Brenda Starwalt - March 01, 2022 at 12:11 PM

KC

“ Kathi Sewell Cobble lit a candle in memory of MaDonna Lea McKittrick



kathi sewell cobble - February 27, 2022 at 09:17 AM