



Donna J (Slusher) Mc Farland

April 28, 1937 - March 13, 2016

Donna Jean (Slusher) McFarland 78 of Bluffton departed this earthly life to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on March 13, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer at the Visiting Nurse Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Donna was the daughter of Roscoe and Helen Slusher. A lifelong resident of Wells County, she enjoyed being raised on the family farm and graduated from Jackson Township High School in 1955. Donna retired from Franklin Electric after 30 years of service and continued her dedicated service as President of the Franklin Electric Quarter Century Club for the past several years. She was raised attending Dillman Church and was a member of Park United Brethren Church in Bluffton. Donna enjoyed being a member of the Red Hat Society. She loved cooking large meals for her family and had a passion for her flower garden, her backyard birds, and IU basketball.

She is preceded in death by her parents Roscoe and Helen Slusher, son Gary Martin of Fort Wayne, sister Jane Haley of Huntington, brothers Wayne Harter of Bluffton, Glen Arnold of Springfield, Illinois, and her twin brother Don Slusher of Warren.

She is survived in death by her sister Gladys Huffman of Bluffton. She is survived by two daughters: Jean (Jim) Brinneman of Bluffton and Deborah (Jim) Amstutz of Keystone. She is also survived by four grandchildren: Julie (Bryan) Drummond and Danielle (Brent) Archbold of Bluffton, Jennifer (Josh) Beaty of Fort Wayne, and Billy Ladig of New Haven as well as nine great-grandchildren.

A service to celebrate Donna's life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 17, 2016 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor John Cole will officiate. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Calling hours will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, and 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, March 17 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Friends Who Care Cancer Relief Foundation or Park United Brethren Church.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

MAR 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAR 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna J (Slusher) Mc Farland*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 16, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ *Donna J (Slusher) Mc Farland*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Not only was Donna my mom's cousin, but a good friend who shared many childhood memories. They also went on different "adventures" in their retirement years. Prayers and thoughts with your family... Carolyn Carpenter Kraatz (daughter of Lois Jane)*

carolyn kraatz - March 17, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ *I met Donna at Richards several years ago and thought the person introducing her to me said Darla. From then on she was "Darla Honey" to me. She put a lot of smiles on my face over the years. One great lady who leaves a hole here on earth. Rest in peace Darla Honey.*

Joe Ayers - March 15, 2016 at 06:22 PM

SC

“ I did not know Donna McFarland well, but she was a good friend and neighbor of my sister, Karen (Oswalt) Shaw Smith. She was a very sweet and thoughtful person and she will be missed. Sharon (Oswalt) Curtis



Sharon Curtis - March 15, 2016 at 02:07 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Donna J (Slusher) Mc Farland.



March 15, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Donna J (Slusher) Mc Farland.



March 15, 2016 at 06:12 AM

MW

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Beach & Martha Whitaker

Martha & Beach Whitaker - March 14, 2016 at 10:02 PM



“ 84 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 14, 2016 at 09:38 PM

VW

“ Vicki And Jim Waldron lit a candle in memory of Donna J (Slusher) Mc Farland



Vicki and Jim Waldron - March 14, 2016 at 06:51 PM

BM

“ I am thankful that Donna is no longer in pain and rejoicing that she is now in Heaven. You are all in my thoughts and prayers!

Brandi McCormick - March 14, 2016 at 12:00 PM