



Donna M. Sharkey

February 4, 1937 - March 9, 2025

Donna Marie Sharkey, formerly of Dixon, died peacefully on Sunday, March 9, 2025 at the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf, IA. She was 88.

Donna was born February 4, 1937 in Polo, IL, the daughter of Glen and Pauline (Davison) James. After high school, she worked as an administrative assistant at Watt Publishing in Mt. Morris,

Donna married Kenneth Sharkey September 8, 1962 in Amboy, IL and became a homemaker and stay-at-home mom. She later worked in the dietary department at the Franklin Grove nursing home when the children were grown, prior to retirement.

Donna was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She loved baking, was an avid gardener, seamstress, and enjoyed supporting children's charities.

She was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Sharkey in 2022, her daughter Diana Sharkey, her parents, and her sister Barbara Peterson.

Donna is survived by her children: Dave (Brenda) Sharkey of Dixon, Brian (Elizabeth) Sharkey of Bettendorf, IA, and Barb (Peter) Vaessen of Sublette.

Nine grandchildren: Camila (Greg) Lahey, Janessa (Nolan) Rappe, Hannah Sharkey, Megan (Dane) Reinhardt, Emily Sharkey, Madeline Vaessen, Natalie Vaessen, Ben Vaessen, and Charlie Vaessen. Four great grandchildren: Kenadie Lahey, Kaydence Lahey, Briar Rappe and Maverick Rappe. Brother, Tom (Barb) James and 4 nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, March 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM at St.

Anne's Catholic Church in Dixon. Visitation will be Friday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the church. Memorial gifts may be directed to St. Anne's Catholic Elementary School in Dixon.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church
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Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 288-3131
http://www.stanneschooldixon.org/st_anne_parish.htm

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the Sharkey children and families! I was saddened to read of your mother’s passing. What fond memories I have of the entire Sharkey family! May you feel the comfort and love of our caring God at this time and in the days that follow! Sending my sympathy and love, Gary Cater

Gary Cater - March 13, 2025 at 11:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna M. Sharkey.



March 13, 2025 at 07:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna M. Sharkey.

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“ With love, Chris & Dayna Bronson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donna M. Sharkey.



With love, Chris & Dayna Bronson - March 12, 2025 at 09:33 PM

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“ Singh, Sheelah, Jim, Aleesha and John purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Donna M. Sharkey.



Singh, Sheelah, Jim, Aleesha and John - March 12, 2025 at 05:26 PM

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Singh, Sheelah, Jim, Aleesha and John - March 12, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donna M. Sharkey.



March 11, 2025 at 10:09 PM

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“ I'm a classmate of Donna's Sharon Seitz Klein Our prayers are with you all.

Sharon J. Klein - March 11, 2025 at 02:31 PM