



Donna Mae Engel

March 30, 1930 - November 14, 2015

Donna Mae Engel born to Richard and Edna Nordbrock in East St. Louis, Illinois on March 30, 1930 @ 3:30 AM passed away November 14 @ 10:20 PM. She grew up in the Midwest. She attended Concordia high school and 2 years of college before embarking on a career as a Lutheran school teacher. Throughout her career she taught most all grades from first through eight. Along the way she returned to school and proudly finished her bachelors degree.

In 1953 she married in Roselle, Illinois. She was a happily devoted wife and partner to LeRoy for over 50 years. They lived in Roselle, Bartlett and Racine, Illinois before packing up to move to Watertown, Wisconsin. Having 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls, they packed up and moved to Homewood, Illinois, then back to Wisconsin in Cedarburg and finally retiring to Manteno, Illinois. She thoroughly enjoyed her 14 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; she especially loved them as babies.

She enjoyed vacations and camping with her family, retuning often to the mountains to hike and shop. As her children moved on, she and LeRoy ventured to Hawaii, Thailand where she rode an elephant, New Zealand, Australia and fulfilled her dream of seeing the Panama Canal.

Donna Mae was dedicated to her church and students. She and her husband

led the Walther league activities for many years. She gave encouragement with a twist of fun and loved guiding the children both scholastically and spiritually. Students were still connecting with her, thanks to Facebook. Christmas programs were her work of art, in fact, Christmas was her way of life. She loved the celebration of Jesus ' birth and found loving ways to share the joy, be it gifting, writing, singing or baking throughout the year.

Donna was a member of Risen Savior Lutheran Church and is survived by sons, Richard and Nadine Engel (Manteno) ,Tom and Cathy Engel (Manteno), daughters, Cheryl and Jeff Huber (Grand Island, NY), and Candi Engel (Cedar Rapids, IA), her sister Charlene and Ted Harms (Steger, IL), 14 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 19 from 3 to 7 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno, Illinois. Funeral services are at Risen Savior Lutheran Church at 10 AM, visitation one hour prior. Internment at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Roselle, Illinois. Memorials can be sent to Engel/Nordbrock Endowment Fund, Concordia University Chicago.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

127 W. Irving Park Road
Roselle, IL 60172

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

NOV 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Risen Savior Lutheran Church
1881 West Division Street
Manteno, IL 60950

Funeral Service

NOV 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

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1881 West Division Street
Manteno, IL 60950

Tribute Wall

PP

“ When I think of Donna, I see her smile and her laugh. Donna was our neighbor for the last 11 years. It was like having another "mom" right next door. The door was always open and she loved to hear what was going on in our family. We'd talk and laugh together. I could tell that she was a great mom to her now adult kids and her grandchildren. We will miss her a lot.

But I must say to Richard and Tom, it was an honor knowing your mom. She became a part of my life and will remain within my heart. God blessed us with her and now we will honor Him for giving her to us for as long as we could have her here. What an awesome, God loving lady! Love and miss you, Donna!

Sending you all hugs.

In God's hands,

Pam & Rex Peterson

Pam Peterson - December 01, 2015 at 07:25 PM

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“ Donna was such a special lady and loyal Christian friend.

While they lived here in Cedarburg we frequently went out for lunch or I would visit at their home in the woods. What a marvelous setting that was! It was fun to see all of their interesting Christmas decorations at this time of year.

She was a great listener, as well as a great talker. She made me feel so comfortable with her, and we had many laughs together.

Tom fondly remembers teaching with Donna Mae at St. Paul's in Chicago Heights. It was always "fun" adapting the Sunday School rooms in the church basement as they had to be converted from school use during the week. Donna was "fun to laugh with."

We certainly extend our sympathy to all of you. God has taken His precious daughter home to eternal peace and joy.

But there will be a big hole in all of your lives. May the Holy Spirit guide and fill your grief with His peace and comfort.

With our heartfelt sympathy,

Tom and Lois Giordano

Lois Giordano - November 23, 2015 at 10:48 AM

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“ *Ruth and I send our sincerest condolences to all of you for the death of your mother. We are very sorry that we cannot be there to pay our last respects. Your mother was always at our side when we needed her. You can rest assured that we have been praying for all of you at this time. We will always remember her for her many hours of serving her Lord and Savior. Now she is finally with Him in Heaven where she has always dreamed of going. May the Lord comfort all of you at this time and may we all long to see your mother again in Heaven.*

Ruth and Ed Rose

ED & RUTH ROSE - November 19, 2015 at 03:16 PM

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“ *I will always remember Donna Mae as a happy, bubbly person, who always loved family - her own as well as the wider family. She was of our oldest cousins that we always looked up. Dave & Willie*

Dave Nordbrock - November 16, 2015 at 11:46 PM