



## Donna M. Sparenberg

July 8, 1947 - March 8, 2026

Donna M. Sparenberg, age 78 of Kankakee, passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2026, at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox. She was born on July 8, 1947, in Kankakee, the daughter of Warner and Esther (Erickson) Meier. Donna married James Sparenberg on December 11, 1965, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Kankakee.

Donna was a self-employed beautician. She was an avid bowler and secretary of her bowling league. Donna was a member of the Kankakee County Fair Board for thirteen years. She worked at Redwood Inn and was a manager at Kankakee County Motor Speedway for fourteen years. Donna was an animal lover. She loved being a homemaker and taking care of her family.

Surviving is her husband, James of Kankakee; one son, Tim (Danette) Sparenberg of Kankakee; two daughters, Tina and Sherry Sparenberg, both of Kankakee; one brother, Frank (Jeanne) Meier of Kankakee; four grandchildren, Ross (Katie) Sparenberg, Grant Sparenberg, Brett (Haleigh) Sparenberg, Steven Mansberger; four great grandchildren, Evan, Wyatt, Levi and Paisley Sparenberg.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents; and one great grandson, Robert. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the 12:00 p.m. funeral service on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Burial will follow at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Danforth, IL. Memorials may be made to the Kankakee County Humane Foundation.



# Cemetery Details

## Danforth Cemetery

Danforth, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 12.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

**MAR 12.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Our Sympathy on the loss of your loved one.*



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**Jane McLin** - March 13 at 07:28 PM

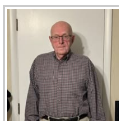
JS

“ *Oh my goodness. I just tried to call to make sure you got through yesterday's tornado & found this. I am heartbroken & sad for all of you. Donna & I spent so many summers together at each others parent's houses when we were young, and always had such fun together. I remember her smile & fun attitude and just feel horrible about this. I can't believe this just happened, and I don't have a current phone number to contact you guys.*

*Janet Tharp Stein & John Stein - 309 824-9101*

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**Janet Tharp Stein** - March 11 at 05:38 PM



*Donna, like her mother, was one beautiful person to be around and share thoughts. Dean Tharp*

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**Dean Tharp** - March 12 at 12:12 PM

CW

“ *My Condolences to the family. Sending Prayers.*



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**Cheryl Wilson** - March 11 at 12:44 AM

LS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. My family & Donna's were friends for a long time! May she rest in peace!!!*

**Linda Lehnus Schneider** - March 10 at 08:54 AM

GG

“ *So very sorry for your loss Keeping you all in prayers*



**Gloria Graham** - March 10 at 08:44 AM

WB

*So sorry for your loss. With love- Wayne & Kathy Berger*

**wayne berger** - March 17 at 05:49 PM

CR

*Sad to hear Jim and his family has had to say goodbye to their dear wife and mother Cathy Reed 🙏*

**Cathy Reed** - March 30 at 06:31 PM