



Donna Jean Rust

November 29, 1938 - November 12, 2023

Donna Jean Rust of Grand Ledge went to be with the Lord peacefully on November 12, 2023, at home surrounded by her loving family. Donna was born November 29, 1938, in Owosso, Michigan to the late Gordon H. and Gertrude E. (Bruff) Forrester. She graduated in 1956 from Fowlerville High which was the last graduating class before the new high school was built. Donna was a loving and strong wife and mother who supported her Military husband George and raised 3 wonderful children.

During her lifetime she worked doing many things, developing pictures for Kodak, selling Avon, cleaning quarters for other military families transferring to other bases, and secretarial work for Capitol City Lumber of Lansing and B&H Industries of Mason from which she retired.

Donna was a dedicated and faithful follower of Christ. Through the years she was a member of Immanuel Baptist and Bethany Baptist Churches, at which she was church secretary for both. Most recently she attended Community Baptist Church of Grand Ledge where she continued to love and serve the Lord.

Donna loved music, played the piano and organ, and sang in the church choir. Through the years she taught children's choir and also children's Sunday School. She sang with her husband in a group called the Kingdom Heirs, along with special friends Jim Purvis and Sylvia Bailey-Maat. Donna also sang with her daughter Judith and special friend Kay Adams in the Praise Trio. From the beginning of their marriage, due to George's Army career, travel was

Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.
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Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

5401 N. Michigan Road
Dimondale, MI 48821

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Baptist Church
7832 W. Mt. Hope Highway
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Huge hug to you George. Loosing a life partner is like loosing the breath from your lungs - Surviving without it/her feels insurmountable.

She was such a sweet, interesting, spunky lady. I loved how she was so proud of your years of military service. She referred to it passionately, wanting to share your stories and hers, knowing God brought you both through those years, and grew you as the man she loved so much. When she referred to "ministry," in a myriad of locations, she always used the word "we." What a wonderful tribute to your marriage. "We" served here, or there, as we moved through life.

On a different note, I also thought it was funny when she would get a bit "riled up," and you would stand beside her so calm and comforting, and yes, George, depending on the topic, even occasionally with a little smile on your face. It was obvious you thought she was amusing. Love you both whether here or in heaven.

Shelley Sysum - November 15, 2023 at 04:34 PM

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“ George, I was saddened to read the obituary in the Lansing State Journal on the passing of your mother. My condolences to you and your family. I pray your mother is resting in peace, is accepted into heaven, and is given eternal life.

Your friend, George Bleibtrey

George Bleibtrey - November 15, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Rust.*



November 14, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Eyemart Express planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Rust.*

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