



Donna Dortress Sweet

June 2, 1932 - March 19, 2023

Donna Dortress Sweet lifelong Grand Ledge resident passed away March 19, 2023 with her loving family by her side. Donna was born June 2, 1932 in Grand Ledge to the late August and Dortress (Ward) Peiffer. She graduated from Grand Ledge High School in the Class of 1950 and married the love of her life Phillip who preceded her in death on April 3, 2002. She was a stay-at-home mom raising five wonderful children. Their friends always knew when they stopped by they could enjoy some wonderful baked cookies that Donna had made. She was a longtime faithful member of St. Michael Parish. Donna enjoyed the game of golf, traveling, baking and always made it a priority to attend her children's and grandchildren's sporting events and cheer them on. She will be missed by her family and many friends and will be remembered for the many lives that she touched.

She is survived by her children, Jeffrey Scott (Patsy) Sweet, Tony (Deb) Sweet, Sue Shoemaker, Kathy Sipperley and Theresa (Kevin) Lippert; grandchildren, Joel (Lyndsay) Sweet, Noah Sweet, Jason (Bridget) Sweet, Nathan "Tiny" (Erin) Sweet, Abbey Sweet, Matt Shoemaker, Kelsey Shoemaker, Sarah Shoemaker, Casey (Rachel) Aten, Kelli (Jon) Witham, Ann Marie (Cody) Harshman, Adam (Stephanie) Lippert and Holly (Nick) Kuhl; 26 great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Joyce Peiffer along with many special nieces and nephews. Donna was preceded in death by son-in-law, Brian Sipperley and sisters and brothers-in-law, Doris (Donald) Butler and Betty (Jake) Edgar and brother, Richard Peiffer.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, March 23, 2023, 11:00 AM at St. Michael Catholic Church by Father James Eisele. You may watch the funeral mass for Donna at 11:00 am Thursday on the St. Michael Church YouTube channel at this link:<https://youtube.com/live/em6Za-9zC0w?feature=share>. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-4:00 PM with a Rosary at 3:45 PM and 6-8:00 PM with a Scripture Service at 7:30 PM at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions may be given to the Sparrow Foundation, Hospice House of Mid-Michigan, 1215 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Rosary

MAR 22. 3:45 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAR 22. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Scripture Service

MAR 22. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Tribute Wall

FM

“ My love and prayers go out to your whole family. What a loss! Your mom [grandmother] was always very kind and supportive of me during my time at St. Michael Prish, as was your dad and grandfather. I will never forget how she cared for Phil until the day the Lord called him home.
Now they are reunited for all time.

Fr Bob McGraw - March 28, 2023 at 01:34 PM

DS

“ Tony and family -
We were saddened to hear of your Mom's passing (and Tom and Doug McDaniels sister passing on the same day). Know that our prayers are with you at this difficult time. May God bless you all.

Dennis and Nancy Shippy - March 25, 2023 at 12:48 AM

RB

“ She was the best her and Phil made a lot of memories with my ma and dad rest easy Randy Barnes

randy barnes - March 22, 2023 at 06:32 PM

JG

“ Sue, Matt, Kelsey, and Sarah:

I am so sorry to hear about your sweet mom/grandma's passing. I remember her wonderful smile and gentle manner. Even though she lived a long life it's still hard to let go even when you know it is her time. You are all in my prayers as you navigate your life without her in it. May you find peace in your hearts knowing that she is at peace in heaven with those who have gone before her.

Jennifer Griffin - March 22, 2023 at 02:57 PM

SR

“ Tony, Deb, & family, I'm so very sorry to learn of Mom's passing, she was a mother to many and such a kind soul. You can be certain that the gates of heaven can't open wide enough for this beautiful lady. Guess who's waiting for her. Some cat named Phil who's been very patient as she completed her work here on earth. I hope you can find comfort in knowing Mom and Dad are arm and arm and loving every minute of it all over again. Love ya guys. Rudy

Scott Redman - March 22, 2023 at 08:17 AM

TB

“ We send our thoughts and prayers for a great lady and her beautiful family.
Thane & Patt

Thane & Patt Belen - March 21, 2023 at 10:27 PM

MD

“ Tony and Debbie and Family I am sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary DuBois

Mary DuBois - March 21, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donna Dortress Sweet.



March 21, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Dortress Sweet.*



March 21, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ *Nancy Martin and Dick Mckeon purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donna Dortress Sweet.*



Nancy Martin and Dick Mckeon - March 21, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ *Mary Peiffer lit a candle in memory of Donna Sweet*



Mary K Peiffer - March 21, 2023 at 09:40 AM

MP

“ Aunt Donna was a beautiful woman, loving wife, mother, grand mother, sister, friend and aunt that carried so many meaningful roles in this world. She was an exceptional lady in all she did. I remember how she always made me feel special with her smiles, words of encouragement and her tender hugs. She left a mark in this world and touched every heart she came across. Her passing is a great loss to the Grand Ledge community, St Michael’s Catholic Church and even more so to you and your family. She has blessed us all with the greatest memories we could ever ask for. She will be treasured in our hearts and minds forever. And, May she rest in peace as the Lord takes care of you all during the difficult days, weeks and months ahead. God Bless You All. Loving Condolences From Mary K and Joyce Peiffer.

Mary K Peiffer - March 21, 2023 at 09:16 AM

DH

“ Sending thoughts of love to the whole family of Donna. The Sweets are life long friends of our family. May your memories of this wonderful woman guide you through. Hugging you all from Florida .

Debra E Hansbarger - March 20, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donna Dortress Sweet.



March 20, 2023 at 08:12 PM

SC

“ Donna and Phil were close friends of my parents, Stan and Agnes Cranson. My siblings and I used to joke that Donna was our second mother. There are so many memories of Donna in my childhood. I always remember all of the goodies Donna had when we went to her house and when my mom and Donna would take all of us kids to Gun Lake. She will be greatly missed but what a wonderful life she has lived. May the angels welcome her to paradise, May the martyrs greet her on her way. A bright light in the world has gone to be with the Lord.

sally Cranson - March 20, 2023 at 07:47 PM

LS

Donna was and will always be in our hearts and prayers . She and my mother Agnes spent time with us on vacations . We always had fun shopping and eating and playing euchre She was a great card player . A couple of memories , One of my fondest memories was when she could not find something , which was common ,she would always say tony ,tony come around there is something that was lost and needs to be found .

Another memory I remember is when she and my mother came to visit me in in Grand Haven. They would let

Me know what time they left home ,so I could keep track of when they should arrive . Well they always had a great time coming over Donna would navigate and mom would drive . I was worried because so much time had passed finally I found them having coffee in Muskegon at McDonald's. Not a care in the world . Donna we already miss you and you beautiful faithful way .

may you rest In Peace!

love to the family , so sorry I will miss being there with you all . Tom and Laraine Soltysiak

Laraine Soltysiak - March 22, 2023 at 09:32 PM

LM

“ Donna and Phil were very special friends to my parents! They shared many golfing trips together! Whenever my mom was home from FI, Donna would pick mom up and off they would go to have lunch with their other lady friends in Grand Ledge. Many hugs and prayers for The family! Rick and Linda Merrifield

Linda Merrifield - March 20, 2023 at 04:33 PM