



Donna J. Bastien

July 8, 1930 - March 25, 2026

Donna Jean (Irwin) Bastien, age 95, passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. She was preceded in death by her loving husband and “soulmate”, Rodger; her parents, Arthur and Dorothy Irwin; her brothers, Jack and Bill Irwin; and her granddaughter, Sara Schoen.

When Donna married Rodger on October 14, 1976, she had three children and he had six. Their nine surviving children are: Pamela (John) Kellogg, Diana St. Amant, Susan Kramer, Rodger (Jen) Bastien, Cheryl Johnston, Gary (Kathy) Bastien, Karen (Lisa Bancuk) Bastien, Janet (Tom) Bailey and Paul Bastien.

These nine children blessed them with twenty-one grandchildren: John, III and Chad Kellogg, Amanda Kitchen, Jackie Kaschyk, Scott St. Amant, Kelsi Jenison, Sara Schoen, Tyler, Adam and Zachary Johnston, Katie White, Betsy Griffin, Carter, Brady and Steven Bastien, Sarah Fornaess, Nathan and Phoebe Bailey, Lauren Schwallier, and Trevor and Brenna Bastien.

They have twenty-four great-grandchildren: Gabby, Jack and Ava Kellogg, Abigail and Alex Kaschyk, James and Mitchell Kitchen, Zoe and Natalie Jenison, Graysen, Beckett, Lennon, Alex and Finn Johnston, Cecilia and Julia White, Will and Jack Bastien, Claire and MaryBeth Griffin, Anika and Andreas Fornaess, Cleo Unger and Nolan Bastien.

“Mama Donna”, as her “other girls” (Terri Nausieda, Barb Mester, Brenda Baird, Chris Johnson and Janet Thornbury) called her, was a kind and beautiful soul whose Catholic faith was very strong. She was a member of St.

Patrick Catholic Church in Grand Haven until her passing.

She loved her faith, family and friends above all, but she had a passion for country music, sports, watching her birds in the courtyard, good food, and flowers. Her love of flowers led her to work for Smith Floral in Lansing and later, Molesta Floral in Wyoming, MI. She also worked at Rogers Department Store and Beverly's Clothing Store in the 1970's.

Per her wishes, there will be no funeral. A private family interment will take place at Resurrection Cemetery when the spring flowers are blooming.

There is a Celebration of Life planned for July 8 (her birthday) in the pavilion at Douglas Walker Park from 2-7 p.m. Her family, friends, and those who knew her are welcome to come and share a favorite memory of her.

Rest in peace, Mama. Go Blue!

Tribute Wall

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“ My special Aunt Donna with the biggest caring heart ❤️ She was always instrumental in my life (my dad's only sister - Jack Irwin). She shared so many stories about dad and Uncle Bills growing up years. I learned that they were raised similar to my raising.

Thank you Aunt Donna for always being there for me. You and I carried a special bond in knowing dad gave me your middle name (Jean). I love you and will forever keep you in my heart ❤️ Thank you for the memories ...

Carolyn Jean Irwin Taylor

Carolyn Jean Irwin Taylor - May 17 at 02:50 PM

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“ DONNA WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITE PEOPLE AS A CHILD. A VERY SPECIAL PERSON TO ME AND I LOVE THE girls God bless you all at this time of loss. Charlene Burrow Liechty

Charlene - May 06 at 08:44 PM

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“ Donna was a very special lady. Thank you Pam, Dee Dee, and John for bringing her down to Jackson last fall so we could all visit with her and all of you. We had so much fun seeing all of you again, and remembering all the good times we previously had. God bless you all. 🕊

Tony Flipppo - April 03 at 05:31 PM

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“ I am so lucky to have had Donna in my life for nearly 50 years. She was a spitfire. One of my favorite memories was when I told my dad (her husband) that she was a "freak of nature" because of her energy and zest for life. She just never tired and never looked her age. She asked him "is that a good thing"? Boy did we laugh! She was a freak of nature and I can only hope to live a life as wonderful as Donna's. She had many who loved her and will miss her dearly. My solace...knowing that she and dad are dancing in heaven. Oh what a wonderful sight that must be.

Janet - April 03 at 01:42 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Momma Donna in the last several years. She was the most loving, caring and sweetest person to me and we continued to keep in touch via cards and phone calls, which I cherish. Her energy and zest for life were ongoing. I will miss her so much. My condolences to my friends Pam and John and all of Donna's family.

Barbara Ross - April 02 at 07:25 PM

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“ A beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman inside and out. We'll miss you Mama Donna. ❤️

Terri Nausieda - April 02 at 12:20 PM

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“ We traveled everywhere, played golf and went to diner many often. I will miss her dearly. I loved her very much.!!

John kellogg - April 02 at 09:44 AM