



Donna Kay Wake

January 12, 1952 - December 17, 2024

Donna Kay (Lovan) Wake of Willow Springs, MO skipped ahead in line to be with her Lord and Savior on December 17, 2024, in Springfield, MO. All who loved her will say it was not her time, it was not her turn, however, much like the Lord who called her home, Donna did not operate in "real time" and refused to be confined by a silly clock.

Donna proudly held many titles. A few of many were: Favorite Daughter-in-Law, Mom, Nana Kay, and Aunt Donna. If her husband described her, he often described her as a "dandy". This dandy of a woman was known for her unmatched thoughtfulness, supreme love of gift giving, and the suspicious ability to get any vehicle serviced by Bailey's Chevrolet, despite the waitlist presented to the average customer. She spoiled everyone she decided to love, which kept her very busy because she decided to love almost everyone she knew. After some thought and reflection upon the gifts she gave to so many people, it's clear she gave what her life symbolized to all of us. She gave color (usually in a shade or particular hue that matched your eyes), immortal flowers (to place in front of your kitchen window so they could be seen from the road), she gave comfort (in the form of a meal, fresh eggs or tomatoes), and she gave preservation and support (in a classic Tupperware set she adored, or sometimes a gift card to a place you would never treat yourself to). She will be remembered for the love and passion she had for her husband, her children, and especially Elvis Presley. She will be missed every

day, but we smile when we think of her now, redecorating the front porch of Heaven.

Donna was preceded in death by her father, Robert Ray ("Bob") Lovan; her mother, Helen Faye (Robertson) Kirchner; and her cherished brother, Bobby Gene Lovan.

Donna is survived by her husband of 52 years, Jim Wake; her children, Jamie (Brooke) Wake, Gina Marie Wake, and Michael Wake; her dear nephew, Treyveon Talbert; her stepmother, Nancy Karen Lovan; her sister, Vicky (Larry "Shine") Owens; her brothers, Jack (Sharry) Lovan, Martin (Nancy) Lovan, Gary Lovan, Tony (Sandra) Summers; and one grandson, Emmett Xavier Wake.

A visitation for Donna will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at Westside Family Life Center in Willow Springs, MO from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. with the funeral service immediately following with Pastor David Lovan officiating. Interment will follow at Little Zion Cemetery in Douglas County, MO. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in Donna's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC.

Cemetery Details

Little Zion Cemetery

Little Zion Cemetery
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Westside Family Life Center
1274 County Road 5270
Willow Springs, MO 65793
(417) 469-3360
office@wflc.net
<http://www.wflc.net>

Service

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ Donna, Bobby Gene and I were raised up in Willow. She was a great person and friend. She will be greatly missed! Chuck Phares

Charles Phares - December 19, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donna Kay Wake.



December 18, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Kay Wake.

December 18, 2024 at 10:35 PM

RC

“ Renae Smith & Cyndi Crawford purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donna Kay Wake.



Renae Smith & Cyndi Crawford - December 18, 2024 at 04:32 PM

BW

“ My condolences to the family

Brenda Wake - December 17, 2024 at 08:57 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Wake lit a candle in memory of Donna Kay Wake*



Brenda Wake - December 17, 2024 at 08:56 PM

SB

“ *Thoughts & Prayers for Donna's family during this time of loss.*

Sharon & John Bacon - December 17, 2024 at 06:57 PM

LE

“ *Our condolences.*

Lloyd and Debbie Ebert - December 17, 2024 at 06:10 PM

LF

“ *Lisa, and family purchased the Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate for the family of Donna Kay Wake.*



Lisa, and family - December 17, 2024 at 04:51 PM

LF

“ *Lisa, and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Kay Wake.*

Lisa, and family - December 17, 2024 at 04:51 PM