



# Donna Lorelle Stilwell

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**D**ecatur-Donna Lorelle Stilwell, 54, of Decatur, passed away January 5, 2011 in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Services to celebrate Donna's life will be 11 a.m. Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church, 201 W. North St. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice. Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home is assisting the family with these arrangements. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).

Donna was born August 14, 1956 in Decatur, the daughter of Ralph and Jean Stilwell. She attended Decatur schools and was a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Circle Campus for two years. While living in Chicago she appeared in industrial shows, studied voice and dance, and did several shows, one of which was 'A Midsummer's Night Dream' in which she appeared as one of the Dreamettes. She was a fit-model for many large clothing companies in New York City spanning twenty years, and later worked in Florida as a fit-model for Black and White in the corporate office.

As a child she starred as Helen Keller in 'The Miracle Worker' and as Brigitta in 'The Sound of Music' at The Little Theater on the Square in Sullivan. She also appeared there in many other productions.

Donna adored her large family, her precious dogs, modeling, cooking, walking on the beach, taking trips, the theatre, and being with friends. Donna was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She leaves behind her mother, Jean of Decatur, brothers; Steve and wife Madeline of Tempe, Arizona, Greg and wife Kristen of Rowlett, Texas, sisters; Diane husband Richard of Chicago, Darla of Phoenix, Arizona, Debra of Pleasant Plains, and Dawn and husband Chris of Chesterfield, Missouri. She also left much loved nieces and



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nephews; Michael, Megan, Justin, Taryn, Brenna, Sara, Sidney, Steven, Kyle, Brent, Kelsey, Keith, Michael, Douglas, and Jasmine.

Donna was a sweet, caring, loving, person, who was always going, out her way to help or brighten the lives of others. Heaven now has one more, bright star.



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DG

**Debbie Green** posted:

I woke up this morning thinking about Donna. I googled her and discovered she has gone on to be with the Lord. Donna and I went to school together. What joy she brought when she walked into a room. She was always moving and talking. She was my friend. I would even come to her defense if anyone would hate on her positive energy. Donna and I were High school thespians. She never failed to light up a stage. Donna, with her petite frame, witts, and beautiful blonde hair, was a force to be appreciated. My mom liked her and her family. I have no idea why I would think of her on this day ( Oct. 6, 2023), in time, it will be revealed. I'm glad to have known Donna Stilwell. She is a star that will always shine in our hearts.

October 6 at 1:19 AM

PP

**Pamela Pfeiffer** posted:

Pamela Pfeiffer4PamelaPfeiffer@gmail.com

January 15 at 9:00 AM

PP

**Pamela Pfeiffer** posted:

To all of Donna's family and friends~ My sister and I were reminising the other night and I ask had she heard anything from Donna. We lost contact years ago but have such fond memories. We knew Donna for many years as a fit model in NYC. We were with the same agency and spent many happy, exciting years working and playing together in the Big Apple. I am shocked to see that Donna has passed. Could anyone please call or email me with a phone number to call and talk?With deepest sympathy~Pam

January 15 at 8:59 AM

LR

**Lisa Perkins Robinson** posted:

Debbie/Dawn and the Stilwell Family,I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you at this very difficult time.

March 10 at 11:45 AM

AT

**Ana Tannebaum** posted:

So sorry for your loss, I only met Donna once, a beautiful woman, my prayers are with you.

January 17 at 5:53 AM



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DB

**Dennis W. Brown** posted:

I remember having a class with Donna in high school she like to talk alot and smile. I'm for sorry for her passing. Today she is in Heaven with the Lord.

January 15 at 6:06 PM

CC

**Candy Clark** posted:

Memories of Donna: Sparkling eyes Beautiful skin Perfect figure Shining hair Gorgeous smile Bubbly personality Laughing voice Generous, caring friend. My world has less light without you in it. You will be missed, but never forgotten by all who have had the privilege of knowing you.

January 11 at 1:07 PM

BS

**Becky Woodard Snow** posted:

Stilwell Family, My husband Rick and I are so sorry for the loss of your dear daughter, sister, and aunt. I remember Donna growing up as a beautiful dancer, singer, and actress but even more as a true and loyal friend. We shared many dance classes together and I'll never forget her great talent and bubbly personality. The family is in our prayers during this difficult time. Becky Snow

January 10 at 12:48 PM

MS

**Marla Shoop** posted:

Dawn, Debbie and family – I am so sorry to hear of Donna's death. My thoughts are with all of you.

January 10 at 11:14 AM

RM

**Ron And Cora Medus** posted:

My families prayers are with the Stilwell family during this time of sorrow. Donna always brightened up any room she entered. I will always remember her smile and uplifting personality. She will be missed greatly by all those who knew her.

January 10 at 10:09 AM



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RI

**Randy Inman** posted:

I am very saddened to read about the passing of Donna. We lost touch after High School but I will always remember her as a bright fun happy girl who iknew what she wanted tondo in life. My prayers are with the family tonight

January 10 at 8:17 AM

ME

**Myrna And Elliott** posted:

To Diane, Richard and members of the Stilwell family,We are so sorry to learn of the loss of your wonderful sister, Donna. We hope that the love of family and friends and memories of her will help comfort you at this sad time.With our love and heartfelt sympathy,Myrna and Elliott Merker

January 9 at 3:12 PM

SC

**Summer Clark** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with your family & loved ones. Eternal life, with no more struggles await. Rest, peacefully, forever in God's embrace. You are missed but never forgotten...

January 9 at 3:03 PM

JB

**Jamie Adelman Bath** posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. Love always, Jamie and Johnie Bath

January 9 at 2:23 PM

RH

**Ruth Heiber** posted:

Donna you will be greatly missed . You always brought a smile to my face . You will now find eternal rest meeting our maker being his guest ~

January 9 at 1:49 PM

DA

**Daphne And Stuart Adelman** posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers. Peace and love to all.Love,Daphne and Stuart Adelman

January 9 at 12:17 PM



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TW

**Teresa Bacon Wickersham** posted:

Our prayers are with the entire Stilwell family during this very sad time.Craig and Teresa Wickersham

January 9 at 11:29 AM

NK

**Noreen Adelman Kreda** posted:

We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Fondly,Noreen, Michael, Jackie and Marcy Kreda (family of Caryn Rosen Adelman)

January 9 at 9:33 AM

CA

**Caryn Rosen Adelman** posted:

My sincere condolences to the entireStilwell family.May your fond memories bring you comfort and may Donna's true beauty of heart be her legacy.

January 8 at 7:45 PM

LB

**Lynn Barr** posted:

To The Loving Stilwell Family,My deepest condolences on the loss of Donna. My heart goes out to you.Sending you my love, thoughts and prayers from Chicago during this difficult time. I wish I could be there to help console you.Love, Lynn Barr

January 7 at 11:47 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Donna by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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