



Donna Mae Brewster

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Donna Mae Annis Brewster, 97, passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, in Decatur, IL. She was born at home in Mattoon, IL, on December 3rd, 1927, to the late Frank Wesley Annis and Leona Carlyle Annis.

From her earlier days attending class in a one room school house and homesteading in Wyoming, Donna saw the world through a lot of changes in her 97 years. Most of her life was spent alongside her husband, the late James L. Brewster. The two met at work while living in their hometown of Mattoon, both employed at the local telephone company.

Their first date was a trip to the state fair. They were married on August 29, 1954, and spent nearly 64 years together until James passed away on February 22, 2018. Donna was a caregiver by nature who loved children and finished her working years in childcare.

She was a long time Sunday school teacher and enjoyed sharing what she was learning. She taught home economics for several years. Perhaps her greatest joy was caring for her family, raising them with grace and love. Her grandchildren were her greatest treasure.

The Lord was the center of Donna's life. She was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, where over the years she participated in Senior Choir, performing with hand bells, and getting together with other ladies in the Red Hat Society.

Throughout her life, she had other hobbies as well - square dancing, gardening, sketching, painting, and reading the daily newspaper and devotionals. In addition to her parents and husband, Donna is preceded in death by: two brothers, Robert Annis and Dale Annis; one sister, Maxine Reinhart; and one great-granddaughter, Esther Rae.

Those left to cherish her memory include: two sons, Kevin Brewster and wife Mary Kay, Darwin Brewster and wife Connie; two siblings, Rose Annis Shirley and husband Bill, Lawrence Annis and wife Shirley; ten grandchildren, Adam Brewster, Jason Brewster, Wesley Brewster and wife Becky



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Mayo, Kaylee Schindel and husband Michael, Melody Joaquin and husband Elias, Emily McLaughlin and husband Yates, Devin Brewster and wife Jenny, Michael Brewster, Catherine Mudd and husband James, Grace Weaver and husband Ryan; and five great-grandchildren (as well as one still on the way).

Visitation for Donna Mae Brewster will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 21, 2025, at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, with Funeral service beginning at 11:00 AM. Afterward, Donna will be laid to rest alongside her husband in Boiling Springs Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Baptist Children's Home, 949 County Road 1300 N, Carmi, IL 62821.



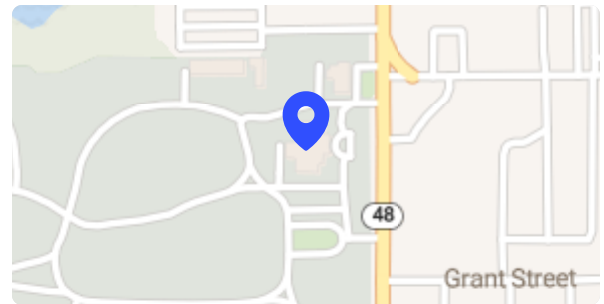
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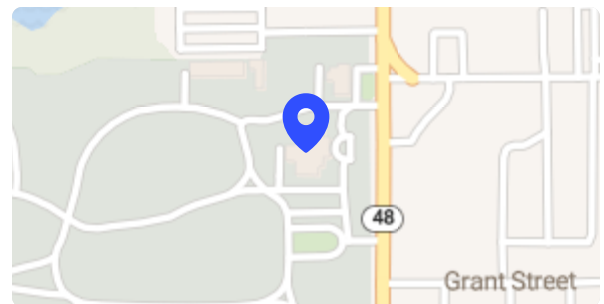
Visitation

- Monday**, July 21, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



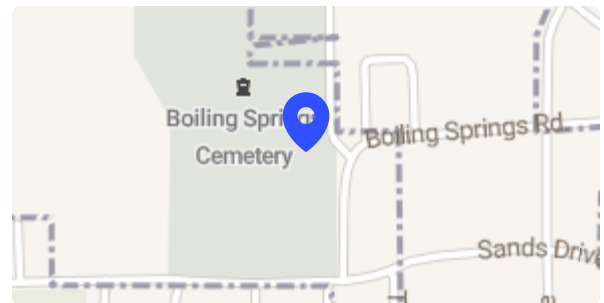
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Cemetery Details

- Boiling Springs Cemetery**
2418 Boiling Springs Rd, Decatur IL 62524





Tribute Wall

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Carol Stanley posted:

I carol was her home care worker and would visit her when she was sent to Randel assitant. Loved her and Gail Daughtry and i would take her snacks.Will really miss her .We had alot of good times. Music at Randel and her home.love and God bless to her family and friends

July 21 at 9:06 AM

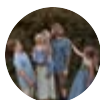


Angela Hisel lit a candle in honor of Donna.

My prayers and love go out to the Brewster family. Donna was such a sweet lady. I loved sitting and talking to her about her family and she was always glowing when she talked about her grandkids. She will be missed by all but there is the blessed assurance she is in Heaven and you will see her againLove and HugsAngie (Roche) Hisel



July 20 at 10:50 AM



Wes Brewster posted:

When I think of Grandma I think of her full body belly-laugh/chuckle/smile combo, usually after one of us grandkids did something mischievously funny, or after grandpa cracked a joke. I think of warm towels after pool sessions with popsicles, crust free sandwiches, and aldi chips.I think of Christmas' in the front foyer, hand written cards, and homemade pies.I remember one Father's Day I snuck into a drawer with pepper spray and found out what it does the hard way, causing everyone in the house to start choking and gasping for air. Grandma started yelling, "IT'S THE ANTHRAX!!!" She was a saint, the best grandma anyone could ask for. She was always there. She once took me to Mattoon and let me go tandem power paragliding with Uncle Buster, w/o consent from mom and dad. She instilled important life lessons on me, such as wearing socks in the house and keeping my feet off the davenport. I started her career as a Great Grandma, and great was an understatement. Love you always.

July 19 at 9:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Pink Potpourri Bouquet to the Brewster family.



July 18 at 8:14 AM



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donna.



July 18 at 8:14 AM



Cindy, Kathy, & Jon Stanton sent a Fairest of All to the Brewster family.



July 17 at 8:14 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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