



Donna Grace Walton

October 22, 1942 - February 3, 2025

Donna Grace Walton, 82, of Mt. Vernon, passed away at 6:23 p.m., Monday, February 3, 2025, at Stonebridge Memory Care, in Mt. Vernon.

She was born October 22, 1942, in Peru, Illinois, the daughter of John Edward and Clarabelle (Hubert) Gapinski. On November 23, 1967, in LaSalle, Illinois, she married Richard Walton, and he survives.

Mrs. Walton earned a Bachelor's degree in elementary education from Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio. She started her teaching career at Lincoln Grade School and later taught for many years at Rome Grade School. Her students may fondly remember her as "Miss Viola Swamp," and they all now know who named the dinosaurs. Her friends will remember her fun-loving spirit, contagious smile, and joyful heart.

Mrs. Walton dearly loved her family. She took great joy in being a grandmother to her five grandchildren. She was devoted to her church and missions, selflessly serving domestically and abroad with her husband.

In addition to her husband, Richard Walton, she is survived by her sons, Brett (& Meleah) Walton of Walnut Hill, Illinois, and Zack (& Cindy) Walton of Jackson, Missouri, and grandchildren, Madison (& Eddie) Walton-Franklin of Portland, Oregon, Will Walton of Madison, Wisconsin, Matt (& Cassidy) Walton of Dix, Illinois, Tanner Walton of Charleston, South Carolina, and Maggie Walton of Jackson, Missouri. She is also survived by her siblings, David Gapinski, Jim (& Rose) Gapinski, John (& Mary) Gapinski, Joe (& Julie) Gapinski, Danny (& Christina) Gapinski, Joy (& Ken) Jaraczewski, and Tim (&

Sherri) Gapinski.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Clarabelle Gapinski, her niece, Amanda Gapinski, her father- and mother-in-law, Harold and Hazel Walton, and her sister-in-law, Patricia (Walton) Miller.

The funeral service for Mrs. Walton will be held at Logan Street Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Mt. Vernon. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 7, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix and an hour before the service on Saturday. Memorial gifts may be made to Logan Street Baptist Church and will be accepted at the funeral home on the night of visitation and by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home
322 North Main Street
Dix, IL 62830
(618) 266-7231
office@osbornfuneral.com
<https://www.osbornfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Logan Street Baptist Church
800 North 42nd Street
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a wonderful sister-in-law. Donna was Pat's best friend throughout her life and my best sister-in-law throughout my life. I knew Donna for sixty-five years. Through high school, camping trips, vacations, ups and downs! We floated the Current River, trout fished on the Tanneycomo, got a trailer stuck on a Lake Superior beach, skied Breckenridge and Winter Park and laughed til our sides split. Donna's home was always open and we spent hours and days enjoying her company. She is now enjoying the company of her Savior and Pat in a much better place - absent from the body and present with the Lord. And Donna welcomed Nancy without reservation. In the twilight of our years we can look forward to a wonderful reunion where there will be no more tears and no more good-byes. Until then we'll miss you. Paul and Nancy*

PAUL MILLER - February 07, 2025 at 09:04 PM

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“ *DICK and FAMILY, SO SORRY TO HEAR OF DONNA's PASSING. MAY GOD BE WITH ALL OF THE FAMILY. MAY THE LORD JESUS BE WITH ALL.. JEFF and MARSHA HACKER*



jeff hacker - February 07, 2025 at 10:05 AM

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“ *Margaret, Jennifer,Lowell, Jessie, TJ purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donna Grace Walton.*



Margaret, Jennifer,Lowell, Jessie, TJ - February 06, 2025 at 07:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Grace Walton.*



February 06, 2025 at 05:18 PM



“ *Dave, Cindy and The Helena family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Donna Grace Walton.*



Dave, Cindy and The Helena family - February 06, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ *Dave, Cindy and The Helena family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donna Grace Walton.*

Dave, Cindy and The Helena family - February 06, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Grace Walton.*



February 06, 2025 at 10:40 AM

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“ *The Johnson, Sanders and Richey families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donna Grace Walton.*



The Johnson, Sanders and Richey families - February 06, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Grace Walton.*



February 06, 2025 at 07:33 AM



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

February 06, 2025 at 07:33 AM

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“ *We remember Donna as a great, fun-loving, Christain lady. She loved "Indigo" the elephant! May God bless the family with peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

Roger & Becky Irvin - February 05, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Grace Walton.



February 05, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Grace Walton.



February 05, 2025 at 11:31 AM



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

February 05, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ La Croix Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Grace Walton.

La Croix Staff - February 05, 2025 at 10:43 AM