



Donna Jean Augello

January 25, 1924 - October 12, 2013

Donna Jean Augello, 89, died peacefully on October 12, 2013 at Sunset House in Toledo. She was born to Thad and Irma (Heald) Smith on January 25, 1924 in Redford, Michigan.

Donna blessed the world with her humor, music, acting, charity, and the nine children she continued to raise on her own after her husband, Joseph L. Augello, Sr., died in 1963. She sang in the Rosary Cathedral Choir, and with the Sweet Adelines, following some early professional radio and television work attending Wayne State as a communications major. She was an organist at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Southfield, Michigan. A continued passion was acting, which she pursued with the Cathedral Players and Village Players in Toledo. Donna also taught adult literacy at Read for Literacy.

She is survived by her daughters Christine (Lewie) VanKoughnet, Mary (Joe) McCarty, Susan Matteoli, Teresa Augello, Donna (Cary Don) Linkfield, Anne (Eric) Stockard, and sons Michael (Pam) Augello, Joseph Augello, Jr., and Thomas (Barbara) Augello. She has 23 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Donna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Joseph, and her brother, Gordon Smith. Warm thanks to all the caregivers at Sunset House, especially Monica, Betty, Ellen, and Michelle at Ashanti Hospice.

Friends may visit the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Friday, October 18, from 2-8 p.m., with a short service/Rosary at 4, followed by a "Sharing of Memories." Funeral mass will be held Saturday, October 19, at

10:00 a.m. at Rosary Cathedral. Burial will be private in Detroit, Mi. Those wishing to make a memorial donation can contribute to ReadforLiteracy.org, the Sunset House, 4020 Indian Rd. Toledo, Ohio 43623, and Rosary Cathedral Parish. Please view and sign our guest registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Funeral

OCT **19.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
2535 Collingwood Blvd.
Toledo, OH 43620

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Tom Augello - February 14, 2014 at 01:21 PM



“ *Dear Augello Family and Friends,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is tremendous, even with the passage of time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress according to Psalms 83:18, and Psalms 65:2. Please be assured , death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again, as promised at John 5:28.29 and Isaiah 25:8. My family and I wish you and yours peace.*

Lisa - October 25, 2013 at 09:24 AM

CO

“ October 17, 2013

It's been a lot of years since we told our Mother we were going to the Library only to sneak over to the Augello's house to play! We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers, remembering the good times.

The Cook Family

~

Donna (Cook) Lloyd,

Fenton, Michigan

October 16, 2013

I'm sorry for your loss Bill. Prayers to your family.

~

MaryJo Blaine,

Toledo, Ohio

October 16, 2013

Sorry for you loss. Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

~

Lori Heintschel,

Waterville, Ohio

coyle - October 21, 2013 at 02:03 PM

CO

“ October 21, 2013

Donna was always special to me. One of my greatest memories was when I got to take Donna to see Alicia play in Detroit. The light in her eyes to see her granddaughter on that stage was amazing to see. I have since gone on to become a nurse and I have yet to experience something as special as that night. She will be missed.

~

Kris Dahms Gedeon,

Toledo, Ohio

October 21, 2013

Perhaps someone will smile on you today, and you will know she is with you still.

Thoughts and prayers.

~

Chuck & Lori Stein,

Toledo, Ohio

October 19, 2013

May you be comforted knowing Donna is resting peacefully

Ellen

October 17, 2013

My prayers and condolences for the Augello family.

~

Lisa Wong Sang,

Punta Gorda, Florida

Contact Me

October 17, 2013

So sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort be with your family. Isaiah 61:2

coyle - October 21, 2013 at 02:02 PM

“ (NEWS ARTICLE) Donna Jean Augello, a literacy volunteer who acted in community theater and sang in her parish choir, died Oct. 12 in Sunset House in Ottawa Hills, where she lived for 15 years. She was 89.

She had Alzheimer's disease.

Mrs. Augello was a mother of nine, her youngest 3 months old, when her husband, Joseph, 41, died Jan. 18, 1963. He was news director of radio station WOHO and was in his third year of law school at the University of Toledo.

"It was hard," daughter Christine said.

Mrs. Augello had been a music major at what is now Wayne State University in Detroit, where she met her husband. They married in 1943. As a respite from her duties as a single parent, she acted in productions of the Cathedral Players, the acting troupe of Rosary Cathedral parish, and the Village Players, her daughter said. She had featured roles in A Man for All Seasons and Separate Tables.

She sang in the Rosary Cathedral choir and the Sweet Adelines vocal group. At home, she led Christmastime singalongs from the piano. She'd been a church organist in the Detroit area.

"She was a very talented woman, very intelligent," her daughter said. "She was a good singer."

Her brother, Gordon Smith, was a longtime trumpeter in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Her son Tom plays the saxophone and sings.

Terri, a daughter, acts, and a granddaughter, Alicia Keys - Terri's daughter - is a renowned pianist and singer/songwriter.

"We have a lot of musical people," daughter Christine said. Mrs. Augello and Alicia shared a birthday; both played the piano, and

when she went to New York to care for her granddaughter, "Mom made sure she did her lessons," Christine said. "They were pretty close."

She was born Jan. 25, 1924, to Irma and Thad Smith and was a graduate of Redford High School in Detroit.

Surviving are her daughters, Christine VanKoughnet, Mary McCarty, Susan Matteoli, Teresa Augello, Donna Linkfield, and Anne Stockard; sons, Michael, Joseph, Jr., and Thomas Augello; 23 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Arrangements were by Coyle Funeral Home.

The family suggests tributes to readforliteracy.org, Sunset House, or Rosary Cathedral Parish. .

coyle - October 21, 2013 at 02:01 PM

AH

“ *Andy Huff lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Augello*



Andy Huff - October 21, 2013 at 05:54 AM

JH

“ We would like to express our prayers and thoughts for the Augello Family at the passing of your mother and our very special volunteer Donna. At Read for Literacy, she was a gem; always willing to help bring the joy of literacy and reading to the lives of those who could not read. Donna truly was remarkable and we hope you will find comfort in knowing that she indeed has finalized her journey and has earned her angels wings!
God Bless you all, The Board, Staff and Volunteers of Read for Literacy.

Jeanette Hrovatich - October 17, 2013 at 08:44 PM

DP

“ For the Augello family, especially Teresa. Am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Teresa, would love to talk to you, it has been so long. Please call me when you have a chance. I live in Nashville, TN. Phone # is 615-585-7670.
-Doug Poling

Doug Poling - October 17, 2013 at 02:51 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Augello.



October 16, 2013 at 02:43 PM

JB

“ I wish the entire Augello family my most heartfelt condolences. She is in my prayers.

Jim Bristol - October 16, 2013 at 06:34 AM

ED

“ Elizabeth Van Dyke lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Augello



Elizabeth Van Dyke - October 16, 2013 at 02:27 AM

ED

“ May God comfort your family at this time and wrap you in his loving light bringing peace at this most difficult time. You are all in my prayers and I will be continue praying the rosary for you. With great respect and love, Elizabeth Van Dyke

Elizabeth Van Dyke - October 16, 2013 at 02:25 AM

LS

“ My condolences to the Augello family,from a friend in Punta Gorda,Florida,I am praying for you.

Lisa Wong Sang - October 15, 2013 at 04:27 PM

LS

“ Lisa Wong Sang lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Augello



Lisa Wong Sang - October 15, 2013 at 04:25 PM

JR

“ Tom, my most sincere condolences. What a wonderful photo. She is a beautiful woman. I have enjoyed hearing about your strong and talented mom who raised all those Augellos after your dad passed away. I'm so sorry for your loss. -Jen

Jennifer Rose - October 15, 2013 at 01:34 PM