



Donna Marie Claus

April 21, 1931 - June 12, 2019

Donna Marie (Dresser) Claus passed peacefully from this life in the early morning hours of June 12th. She was born April 21, 1931 to Donald and Alberta Dresser who preceded her in death.

Donna was the last survivor of four siblings, her older sister Avaloo, her younger sister Marcia, and her younger brother John. Donna grew up on the east side of Toledo graduating from Clay High School and Bowling Green State University where she earned her teaching degree. Donna taught first and third grades at Lagrange Elementary and St. Patrick of Heatherdowns. She married Bernard F. Claus on October 24, 1953. Ben and Donna never left each other's side for 66 years. They were blessed with a wonderful life together.

Her husband Ben survives her, along with their four children, Michael (Janet), Jim, Susan (Chris) Muller, and B.J. (Tammy); grandchildren Joe, Andy, Bill, and Mary Claus; Peter, Clare, and John Muller; Katie, Erin, and Emily Claus. Great grandchildren Ryan, Ellen, and William. Donna also leaves behind many special nieces and nephews, as well as her favorite brother-in-law Peter Claus.

Donna was always a child at heart; she especially related to little ones. She loved to cook her famous Monday night dinners for her family. She was a great mom. Her favorite children's story was Ferdinand the Bull because that's how she saw the world.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on

Monday, June 17, 2019 from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church at 11 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Please view and sign our online "guest registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral

JUN 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Joan Of Arc
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

MD

“ To the Claus family, We're very sorry to hear of Donna's passing. I admired watching Ben take Mom thru her exercises at the Stone Oak gym and they were such a loving/cute couple together! All our best-Mike and Tara Dzienny

mike dzienny - June 24, 2019 at 11:03 AM

LD

“ The Deyoe's are very sad to hear of Donna's passing. I remember when Donna invited my young children over to color Easter eggs. Ben my condolences to you and your family.

Lane Deyoe - June 18, 2019 at 07:24 PM

VC

“ Ben,
We are so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
May she Rest In Peace.
Vicki and Phil Cestaro and Doris Dietz

Vicki Cestaro - June 18, 2019 at 04:21 PM

PD

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Donna's death. Ben, my heart goes out to you, you two were so close and loving. I enjoyed living next door to you at the Dunes.....lovely neighbors. Please accept my deepest sympathy, Pam Dailey

Pam Dailey - June 18, 2019 at 03:38 PM

SH

“ Donna was my Godmother, and I called her Aunt Donna when I was a kid. Aunt Donna and Uncle Ben were very close friends of my parents Marcia and John Harpen. They shared many good times over the years on Heather Downs golf course, vacations together, and happy times in Florida. I remember as a kid going to the Clauses backyard pool and thinking that pool was the coolest thing ever because it had a slide. The Clauses gave me a beautiful gold bracelet for my high school graduation in 1985, and I still wear it today. My condolences to Uncle Ben and all the Clauses.

Sharon Harpen Hastings

Sharon Hastings - June 16, 2019 at 05:08 PM

TF

“ The Falkenbergs-part of Susan's Springfield Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donna Marie Claus.



The Falkenbergs-part of Susan's Springfield Family - June 16, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Donna Marie Claus.



June 14, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Donna Marie Claus.*



June 14, 2019 at 08:15 AM



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June 13, 2019 at 10:17 PM