



Donna Marie Champagne

February 14, 1932 - February 14, 2008

AURORA, Wis. - Donna Mae Marie Champagne, 76, of 893 Wisconsin Ave. in Aurora, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at her home.

Donna was born March 3, 1931, in Brooks, Minn., daughter of the late Alvitta and Louise (Charest) Lefebvre. She married Lester Champagne on April 8, 1948, in Oklee, Minn.

Donna was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Niagara. She was the sunshine lady at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aurora for many years. Donna loved gardening, country music and spending time with family. For the past five years she has been extremely devoted to visiting her husband, Lester, almost every day in the nursing home.

She is survived by her husband, Lester; eight children, Terrence (Sandie) Champagne of Muskego, Wis., Wayne Champagne of Kingsford, Sandra TenEyck of Denver, Colo., Lori (Robin) Bargo of Iron Mountain, Scott (Judy) Champagne of Ephrata, Pa., Kathy (Jim) Anderson of Marinette, Wis., Karen Champagne of Indianapolis, Ind. and Jody (Paula) Champagne of Iron Mountain; 18 grandchildren, Matthew Champagne and Janette (Matthew) Wenzel, Tara Champagne, Kristy Ferrin, Karla Thompson, Angela (Michael) Adam, Jennifer (Nathan) Raiche, Lindsey Bargo, William and Robert Champagne, Dylan Sensenig, Christopher and Daniel Anderson, Amy

(Dennis) Wood, Ashley (Gary) Faulk, Rachel Luokkala, Amanda Harlock, and Jordan Champagne; nine great-grandchildren, Hannah Wenzel, Nicholas Thompson, Michelle Bargo, Logan and Landon Adam, Kolbe, Jozef and Marcel Raiche, and Gary Faulk; three sisters, Carol (Lee) Hagelee of Edina, Minn., Marilyn (Donovan) Stonouse of Thief River Falls, Minn. and Eileen (Mark) Walsh of North St. Paul, Minn.; a brother, Michael (Peggy) Lefebvre of Henderson, Nev.; two brothers-in-law, Jim (Shirley) Jaeger and Jerry Freitag; two sisters-in-law, Becky Lefebvre of Richfield, Minn. and Linda Lefebvre of Saulk Rapids, Minn.; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Audrey Jaeger and Janice Freitag and two brothers, William and James Lefebvre.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kingsford Funeral Home and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Niagara.

Parish prayers will be recited on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Kingsford Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Niagara. Fr. Michael Betley and Fr. Michael Woempner will concelebrate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Homestead-Aurora Cemetery in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

Pallbearers will be Christopher and Daniel Anderson, Matthew Champagne, Gerry Mattson, and William and Robert Champagne.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Donna M. Champagne online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Kingsford Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *My sincerest sympathy to all of Donna's family and especially to Lester. I knew Donna when she and Lester were dating. We hadn't corresponded but I met her again at her sister, Jani's funeral, and we had such a good time reminiscing & exchanged email since. I only found out this morning of her death. I've been wondering why I haven't heard from her. I miss her emails & occasional correspondence. May God give you strength for each day. Bonnie*

Bonnie Jensen - March 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *To Karen and The Champagne Family, I'm sad to hear about the loss of your mom. I always stopped by to say "HI" to her when I was home on the farm. My prayers are with you ALL. Love Marcia*

Marcia Bear - Singsaas - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ *No one can take the place of one's mother as I learned eight years ago. May your grief be helped with the precious memories you hold that only your mother gave to you. My family and I hold you in our prayers.
God's peace and love,
Margaret Young and Family*

Margaret Young - February 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FV

“ *Karen and family...
I'm sooo sorry for the loss of your mom...
My thoughts and prayers are with you..
God Bless,
Faye*

Faye Vassar - February 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *My deepest sympathy to you all. I am sorry I was not able to attend the funeral but I am in Arizona. Donna was a wonderful person. She was always looking out for Uncle Frank during her daily visits with Les. She will be missed by everyone....especially Les. Once again my deepest sympathy to all of you.*

Cynthia Corsi Gordon - February 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM