



Donna Bodnar

June 17, 1945 - March 15, 2022

Donna Bodnar's pursuit of happiness covered a good deal of ground. Hugging grandchildren, walking on Pacific beaches, and sipping wine in Italy—preferably Montepulciano-- were certainly at the top of her list. She did have her standards. Indiana University basketball games could only be watched if she knew they had already won. Pasta was always preferable to most other dishes. The folk music of the sixties evoked deep passions for her, especially the songs of Eric Anderson, Buffy Sainte-Marie, and Ian and Sylvia. Most who knew her then would concede that she was at her best dancing the shing-a-ling, with her creation of lasagna dishes a close second. Fascinated and repulsed by the way he treated women, she consumed any novel she could find on the life of Henry VIII. For a time, she became an avid tennis player and an expert gardener. And her pets were continual sources of pleasure. Sadly, her quest for joy was tempered by declining health in the last few years of her life and ended with her death on March 15, 2022.

Born in Carbondale, PA on June 17, 1945, she was the daughter of John and Martha Chellino who sent her to the town's Catholic schools. In 1967 she earned a bachelor's degree at Marywood College and accepted a position teaching sixth grade in Manassas, Virginia. Before she moved to her new job, she stopped for an inspired moment of pleasure to buy a yellow Corvette with a removable top. In 1968 she married and continued teaching in schools in Connecticut and Pennsylvania, especially enjoying her years in Hershey where she made frequent visits to Chocolate World. She moved to

Bloomington, Indiana in 1981 where she continued raising two children, worked for a time as a bookkeeper and cultivated her basketball loyalties. Donna is survived by her husband of fifty-three years, John Bodnar of Bloomington; her son Eric Bodnar of Bloomington, and her daughter Brenna Snider and son-in-law Kipp Snider of Arlington, VA. Five sisters-in-law, four brothers-in-law, and cousins too numerous to mention also survive her. Her much-adored grandchildren who will miss her terribly are Sophie Snider, Francesca Snider and John Snider. She was predeceased by her parents and a brother, Jack Chellino.

We can't know if she is still singing the folk tunes of her youth. If she is Ian and Sylvia's "Four Strong Winds," will be on her lips and she will be lingering on words that she loved: "If the good times are all gone. Then, I'm bound for movin' on. I'll look for you if I'm ever back this way."

Those who knew Donna realized that she did not like being the center of attention. In lieu of funeral services, there will be a gathering to celebrate Donna's life this summer. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Monroe County Humane Association. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

WR

“ Dear John, Brenna, and Eric: My wife Carole and I were very sad to hear the news. As John knows, Donna and I quickly became friends after the family moved to Bloomington. John and Donna and I grew up in northeastern Pa., so there were always things to talk about. Stories about the area no one else would be interested in. Donna was always so warm and inviting, a lovely, kind person, so wonderful to be around. I will always remember her fondly, a bright light in our lives. Bill Reese, Madison, Wisconsin.

William J. Reese - March 25, 2022 at 01:44 PM

FS

“ John, Brenna and Eric...we are so sad to read this news. Thinking of you all as you adjust to this new life. We were blessed to have her next door on McMillian Ct.
Sending our love, Dan & Fran Stewart

Fran Stewart - March 20, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donna Bodnar.



March 19, 2022 at 01:15 PM

CG

“ I will remember Donna’s sense of humor and her many kindnesses to Sara over the decades of friendships shared and cherished. To all the Bodnar and related families, I am so very sorry for this loss. May your memories of her will bring you blessings and peace.

carla gardnet - March 19, 2022 at 12:19 PM

DM

“ John, Brenna and Eric! We truly share your grief during this very difficult time but fortunately, for us, we have such fond memories of the many years we shared raising our children and laughs, etc. Please know you ALL are in our hearts and prayers! Donna and Dick McGarvey! p.s.-She and Erin will have a lot to share having shared so many times and memories through the years!

Donna McGarvey - March 19, 2022 at 11:51 AM

JF

Jim and I send our sympathy and prayers. We loved Ian and Sylvia, too. So sorry ❤️🙏xo

Joan Ferguson - March 22, 2022 at 08:35 PM

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Mary Ann Whelan - March 19, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.allencares.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Donna Bodnar.

March 18, 2022 at 09:51 PM