



LaDonna M. "Donna" Mercer

November 11, 1925 - April 4, 2013

LaDonna M. "Donna" Mercer, 87, of Bloomington died on Thursday, April 4, 2013 I.U. Health Hospice in Bloomington. Born on Nov. 11, 1925 in Salem, South Dakota, she was the daughter of Clifford R. and Anna (Wahle) Stark. As a young girl, Donna worked on farms helping cook in the Blue Earth, Minnesota area before moving with her family to California during World War II. It was there that she met the most handsome man she ever knew, her future husband Donald E. Mercer. She worked for Ford Motor Co and at the Alameda Naval Air Station near San Francisco until her marriage to Don in February of 1944. She then moved to Bloomington to be near family while he was overseas.

Donna was a wife and mother first and foremost. She retired from the Indiana University golf course after 20 years of service, serving as secretary to golf pro Robert Fitch. She was a charter member of the original "Young Mothers Club" which then became the Mothers Charm-N-Chatter Club. She was a longtime member of Clear Creek Christian Church and participated in numerous church activities.

She is survived by her loving husband, Don E. Mercer, three daughters and sons-in-law, Terri and Tom Pugsley of Bloomington, Debbie and Mark Brumleve of New Richland, TX, and Rhea and Bill Simms of Smithville, one son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Kathy Mercer of Evansville, In, nine grandchildren; Kimberly Berger, Stacy Lind, Leah Mercer, Katheryn Elliott, Keith Mercer, Jr, Brooke Ragas, Brian Brumleve, Jennifer Simms and Kris Simms, ten great grandchildren; Dakota Berger, Cheyenne Berger, Colton Lind, Gage Lind, Trislynn Lind, Addison Lind, Cash Elliott, Luke ragas, Hayden Simms and Hudson Simms. She is also survived by three sisters, Marlene Wickum, Luana Cook and Nornell Souheaver, all of California.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one grandson, Anthony Pugsley, two great grandchildren, Kylie and Logan Lind, two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday at the Clear Creek Christian Church with Rev. Glenn Hughes officiating. Entombment will be at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Friends may call at Allen Funeral Home on Sunday from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and at the church on Monday one hour preceding the services.

Memorial contributions may be made to I.U. Hospice House. The family would like to express their appreciation to all the staff for the exceptional care they gave. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

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“ To all the Mercer Family,

It saddens me to have to write this message. Growing up in Broadview when I did there were special people that helped raise all of us. LaDonna (Mrs.Mercer) will always be my favorite other Mom. She was truly a great lady. I am so sorry I just now realized she has passed on to her reward.

We will all miss you!!!

Mike and Crystal

Mike Fidler - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ *I was saddened to hear of the loss of Donna. I have very fond childhood memories, with the Mercer family. The Mercer's are very dear to my heart. Donna will be greatly missed.*

Sheila Haggard - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

DA

“ *Dear one. I had no idea sweet Donna had passed. I would have come to the funeral home, at least! I'm so sorry I wasn't there to see Debbie and all. Please know I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers, as you move on without your dear mother.*

Delores Williams Allison - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ *We are saddened to hear about the loss of a wonderful woman. We extend our prayers to her family. With love, The Allgood Family*

Nita Allgood - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ *LaDonna was just my kind of lady, tough, sassy, and full of humor. I will miss her.* ”

Angie Newquist - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM