



LaDonna Jean (Newton) Lemon

April 4, 1923 - September 10, 2018

A quintessential sweet lady, LaDonna Lemon left us on Monday, September 10. She was a wonderful wife, mother, aunt, sister and friend to so many throughout her hometown of Bloomington. The daughter of Blackburn and Eunice (Penrod) Newton, LaDonna was born April 4, 1923. She married her high school sweetheart Forest Lemon and they truly enjoyed 66 years together. Son David (Margaret) and daughter Debbie count their blessings for the fortunate life spent with their mother and father.

LaDonna graduated from Bloomington High School and worked in various occupations in Bloomington. RCA was one of her first jobs out of high school, working on the assembly lines during the early part of WWII. She worked in the administration of then mayor Tom Lemon and also for Tom's company Cantol Wax. During the 1950's she was employed at the Bloomington City Water Office. She worked side by side with Forest at their retail business Burkhart Floor Covering beginning in 1959. In 1980, they retired and traveled throughout the country in their recreational vehicle. Many times they were joined by their grandchildren Andrew (Rebecca, Andrew's wife, great grandchildren Elijah and Ezra) of Bermuda and Laura (Chad) of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

She was an 81 year member of Fairview United Methodist Church. As a member, she served in numerous volunteer positions. She was also a

member of other volunteer organizations in the community.

LaDonna enjoyed hosting her family for dinner after Sunday church and for virtually all holidays. She was extremely talented and thrived at using her hands for intricate tasks such as hand stitched quilts, clothing, furnishings, and ceramics. LaDonna was also a co-pilot with Forest on motorcycle trips around the state, somewhat begrudgingly at times!

LaDonna is survived by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, one brother Larry (Anne) Newtown of St. Mary's, GA, her special niece Marlyn Naylor, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, parents, sister Marguerite Burkhart, brothers Bill and Paul Newton, and grandson Richard Lemon.

A private family service will take place at Valhalla Memory Gardens. A celebration of life will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are welcome in LaDonna's name for Fairview United Methodist Church (600 W. 6th Street, 47404). Online condolences may be sent to allencares.com.

The family thanks everyone who has loved and cared for LaDonna.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ We moved into Moss Creek about the same time as LaDonna and Forest. They were the best neighbors anyone could ever hope to have. We remember LaDonna as always having a smile on her beautiful face. Our sincere condolences to all of LaDonna’s family.

Joanne and Walter Mills

Joanne and Walter Mills - September 15, 2018 at 10:09 AM

CM

“ Jim and I want to give our condolences to your beautiful family, knowing you will treasure the memories of your precious mother and hoping they give you comfort in the coming days, weeks and years. Hugs to all! Jim and Cathy Murphy

cathy murphy - September 14, 2018 at 02:52 AM

JB

“ Dearest Lemon Family, LaDonna was always a kind caring lady throughout the years, as our families shared life and worship at Fairview United Methodist Church. A true lady who will be deeply missed. Sending sincere condolences and prayers to the family, who are blessed with wonderful memories. Warm regards, Julie Bennett

Julie Bennett - September 13, 2018 at 07:53 AM

BS

“ I loved this beautiful woman with all of my heart. She was a little spitfire and such a joy to be around. I am going to miss our weekly visits. Prayers to Debbie and all of those who knew and loved her. Rest in peace, Sweet-Pa-Tootie. 💕

Beth Staggs - September 13, 2018 at 02:17 AM

BW

“ *My condolences to you and your family Debbie. I will be thinking about you.*

BJ Walls - September 12, 2018 at 09:44 AM

AS

“ *Thinking of the family. Sending love and hugs
Anita S.*

Anita S. - September 12, 2018 at 08:00 AM