



## Donna J. Williams

November 16, 1934 - October 3, 2023

Donna J. Williams, 88, of Salem, passed away Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at Odin Healthcare, surrounded by her family.

She was born November 16, 1934 in Cassville, Wisconsin, daughter of Gus and Lillian (Meier) Kirschbaum. She married the love of her life, Donald J. Williams on May 29, 1954 in Lancaster, Wisconsin and he preceded her in death on January 27, 2008.

Donna is survived by her three daughters: Diane Sager of Salem, Kay Doan of Carterville, and Jean Sturtzel and husband Gil of High Point, N.C.; eight grandchildren: James (Amber) Sager, Donald (Brooke) Sager, Kevin (Rickell) Sager, Nathan (Allyssa) William, Ryan Doan, Lauren Doan, Tony (Melissa) Sturtzel and Steve Sturtzel; 10 great-grandchildren, Blaire, Edison, Samantha, Dawson, Reid, Aubree, Abby, Rynlee, Morgan, and Luke, as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son: Richard August Williams; sister, Dorene Lechnir, brothers, Bernard and David Kirschbaum. Mrs. Williams was a devoted homemaker, during her many years in Salem. She worked part-time for several local businesses, the most recent was Bandy's Pharmacy. She will be remembered for her many meals, desserts and attending all the school functions and sporting events.

She was an active member of St. Theresa Catholic church, having served on numerous committees during her lifetime.

Funeral Mass will be held at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Salem, Illinois on

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 10:00 am with Father Jose Jacob officiating. Interment will follow at Paradise Cemetery in Salem. A visitation will be held from 9:00-10:00 am prior to the service at the church. Special thanks to Odin Health and Rehab staff for the excellent care and compassion. Also, thanks to her caregiver, Carol; SSM Hospice, St. Theresa ladies and many friends. Memorials may be made to St. Theresa Church, SSM Hospice, Salem Little League Ball Park or donors choice and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home at 310 North Broadway/ P.O. Box 97 Salem, Illinois 62881, (618)548-1234, who is honored to be of service to Donna's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland Funeral Home Facebook Page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **11**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church  
812 W. Main St.  
Salem, IL 62881

## Funeral Mass

OCT **11**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Diane & family; While living next to you I remember your mom always walking and staying in shape. She had a sweet disposition and loved her family dearly. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time..*

Mike Marcum - October 11, 2023 at 12:23 PM

DS

*Thank you Mike!!*

Diane Sager - October 16, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donna J. Williams.*



October 09, 2023 at 06:51 PM

KB

“ *I have many happy memories of childhood sleep overs. Your mom was Mrs. Cleaver to me. Always dressed impeccable, and a very sweet lady. I know your dad is glad to have her with him in Heaven*



Kathleen Wisniewski Brockington - October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

DS

*Thank you Kathy!! Yes our moms had more energy than I do. Big reunion in Heaven!!*

Diane Sager - October 16, 2023 at 07:42 PM

RR

“ My deepest condolences to Donna's family. I have many fond memories of her, Don and Diane, Kay and Jeannie growing up next door to them for many years, spending many days playing at her house. She was always so kind to me and never seemed to mind that I was always at their house. I admired her devotion to her faith and family. Truly a very special lady!

Rick Roddy - October 08, 2023 at 10:36 AM

DS

Thank you Rick!! She enjoyed you coming over and talked about you often. Those were the days!!

Diane Sager - October 16, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donna J. Williams.



October 06, 2023 at 03:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna J. Williams.

October 06, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna J. Williams.*



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“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donna J. Williams.*



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October 06, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ *I never met Donna's daughters but I want them to know I thought their mother was a lovely lady. I met her through my business before my retirement and I know the two things she missed the most were her husband and her hearing. I so wish that hearing aids could have given her more help. She was a pleasure to know and my sympathy to all her family that will miss her. Prayers for all.*

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**MaryJane Hardy** - October 05, 2023 at 09:35 PM



*I took Donna Communion Oct.2. I went back today to take her Communion only to find out that she had passed away. I am so sorry for your loss. She was a very sweet lady. She always recited the "Our Father" with me was very devout after receiving Communion. I always got a big smile when I told her that I would be back next week. May God bless you and your family always. Judy Fark*

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**Judy Fark** - October 09, 2023 at 03:49 PM



*Thank you so much for taking mom Communion and visiting!!*

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**Diane Sager** - October 16, 2023 at 07:36 PM