



Donna Ann Koistinen

June 22, 1952 - September 15, 2023

Donna A. Koistinen, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away on Friday September 15, 2023. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie on June 22, 1952, the daughter of the late Jerry and Eldine Bergeron.

Donna was a lifelong resident of the Sault and was part of the inaugural graduating class of Registered Nurses from LSSU in 1972, joining War Memorial Hospital later that year where she spent 46 years doing what she loved, providing compassion and care to many patients over the years. She married her lifelong partner, Roger Koistinen, in 1972 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in the Sault.

Donna is survived by her husband, Roger; her daughters Kim (Jeff) Hendricks and Jessica (Nick) Hitchcock; her grandchildren Madeline & Garrett Hendricks and Alice & Scarlett Hitchcock; brother Peter (Michele) Bergeron; sister-in-law Karen Bergeron, sister-in-law Mimi (Ken) Scott and brother-in-law Wally Kras and several nieces and nephews.

Donna is predeceased by her parents Jerry and Eldine Bergeron; sister Rita Currie; brother Thomas Bergeron; mother-in-law Teresa Lawrence; sister-in-law Diane Kras and nephew Donald Currie.

A Private Family Mass will be held and interment at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in Donna's memory to the American Heart Association.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Pete and Family I am so Sad to Hear of Donna's passing, she was a shining light and will be truly missed. My Prayers and Sympathy goes out to all the family and friends..*



Maryalyce Currie - September 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *I'm very sorry for your loss, I worked with Donna for many years. She will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her.*



Gwen Phillips - September 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *We will miss you.*



Mimi Scott - September 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *We're thinking of you all. Lots of love, the Bunkers*

Mary Bunker - September 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Being a Sault Ste Marie resident most of my life and a long time WMH employee. I loved going to the unit when Donna and Robin were working. Even on the busiest days you could tell they love their chosen career. They provided excellent patient care.

Ann - September 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Worked with Donna many years, I looked up to her both professionally and personally. She was a true inspiration to her profession.

Jane Bishop - September 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ She a very awesome and loving ICU nurse who seen me at my worse. She make a joke to see my response if I laughed she say Jenn just need fluids, iv meds and a break from mom lol. She will be missed. She took care of our mom to the end. I was glad she was the one to care for our mom in ICU. She told me couple yrs later it was hard for her cause she never imagined seeing mom to the end she always thought in back of her mind it would always be me. "Jenn we became a little family the ICU nurses, your mom and you. We loved your mom and we love you"

Jennifer Bonnell - September 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Prayers for Peace for your family - Donna was a gem in the ICU that I could always count on - she and Robin taught me so many things! I'll always remember her smile and patience as I learned the War Memorial way under her mentorship - Donna was an amazing woman!



Jill Halsey - September 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. I worked with her many years ago at WMH. Anytime you saw her in the hallways and outside of the hospital too she always had a friendly hello and smile. What a kind lady and wonderful nurse!



Vicki Gage - September 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Had such fun with this goof ball. I'm going to miss her so much. Always a smile and a laugh,,loved her.

Eddie Reno - September 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Donna was such an inspiration to me as a nurse a mentor and a friend, may you always rest in peace prayers to the family God bless you. She was a gift.

Dianna Toon - September 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Donna was one of the nicest people I knew. We knew each other at the hospital and spent many coffee hours together. She always had a smile on her face and she LOVED taking care of patients in the ICU which is why she worked long past when she could have retired. She was a bright light whenever you saw her in the hallways or on the street. She truly was one of the good ones💔💔💔. She will be missed



Sandy Deonty - September 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ My heart goes out to Donna's family. Donna was a wonderful nurse and a great friend. I worked many years with her at War Memorial Hospital. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.
Adrienne Beckham

Adrienne Beckham - September 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I was a CNA when I worked with Donna. She was the most compassionate nurse I had ever worked with. Just so kind and caring. Always smiling. She was just truly an amazing person.

Danyalle Haller - September 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ The bright, generous and pure smile of Donna was unlike any other human. It will forever be a reminder to me of how to face people with an open heart. What a beautiful woman.



Kris - September 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ So sorry to hear about Donna! What a wonderful person. Love you all! Chas

Charlie Moore - September 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Roger, Kim, Jessica and family,*

We are so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. We keep all of you in our thoughts during this difficult time. Donna is an amazing person and we will all miss her bright smile.



Pat & Diana Wilson - September 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Our condolences to you all. Donna was such a sweet person and always made us feel welcomed. Donna was definitely a bright light on this earth. Sending you all lots of love and hope your memories help you through this difficult time.*



Steve and Carla Downey (Dan's in laws)

Carla Downey - September 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *My sincere condolences to Roger and family on Donna's passing. I worked with Donna at WMH and will never forget her smile and kindness to all. She was one of the best nurses I ever worked with.*

Carol Hill - September 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM