



Donna Jane Linn Hess

August 9, 1925 - March 31, 2021

Donna Jane Linn Hess of Galestown, MD, daughter of the late Harold V. and Bunnie Ginter Linn was born on August, 9, 1925 in Emlenton, Venango County, PA. She departed this life on March 31, 2021 at her daughter's home with family present.

She was a graduate of Emlenton High School and Franklin Commercial College, Franklin, PA. She worked at Polk State School, Polk, PA as a medical staff secretary. On October 18, 1947 she married Richard P. Hess and moved to Knox, RD, PA, working as a bookkeeper for Clarion Motor Co., Clarion, PA. She and her husband lived in State College, PA while he attended Penn State University and after his graduation lived in Macungie, PA for several years. Job transfers eventually led them to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. After their four children were in school, she again entered the work force - for a time serving behind the refreshment counter at the old Wicomico Youth and Civic Center and then as a bookkeeper at Royal Crown Bottling Company. She retired in 1980 after 17 years as secretary to the Supervisor of Transportation, Wicomico County Public Schools. After retirement, she enjoyed her hobbies of needlework, doll collecting, genealogy research and keeping up with her family. She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Seaford, DE, the Mary Vining Chapter of the DAR, Seaford, DE, and the Emma Moomau Delmarva Doll Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Lucile Gordon, and her husband of 50 years, Richard P. Hess. She is survived by her daughter,

Henrietta (J.C.) Parker of MD, her son, Richard Benjamin Hess of NC, her daughter, Victoria (Daniel) Palmer of MD and her daughter Elisabeth Hess of MD. She is also survived by seven grandchildren – Michael Parker (Tara Kelly) of Washington, D.C., Marcus (Chasta) Parker of SC, Christa (Vincent) Jones of NC, Jarrett Hess of NC, Justin of MD, Andrew of CA and Hannah Palmer (Mo Soltani) of PA; eight great-grandchildren - Aaron Parker, Zakkary Parker-Kelly, Jason (Regan) Cleary , Haedin and Jonas Cash, Bryanna, Angel and Madeline Jones.

A private celebration will be held at a later date. She expressed a wish that any memorial or donation be sent to Christ Lutheran Church, 315 N. Shipley St., Seaford, DE 19973, Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury MD 21802 or a place of your choosing.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere condolences & love reach out to the entire family of my Aunt Donna. Many years were spent visiting with the family in Maryland, such kindness was shared each visit. I recall Aunt Donna being the one that could peel potato skins to 'paper thin' perfection. Such pleasant memories of returning home from the beach to find a welcome dinner awaiting.*

Prayers to the entire family,

Patricia Say

Patricia Say - April 05, 2021 at 11:47 AM

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“ *I was very sorry to read about the loss of Donna. I had the pleasure of working with her at the Wicomico County Board of Education where she was always a calming influence in the school transportation department. She was a very caring lady and someone that I always found to be pleasant to be around. I certainly extend my deepest sympathies to the entire family at this time of great loss. May her memory be eternal !! Tony Sarbanes*

Anthony Sarbanes - April 04, 2021 at 09:43 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear about Aunt Donna's death. Remember taking Joyce and Dad to visit her several years ago. Thinking about you and keeping all of you in our thoughts.*

Barbara Hess - April 03, 2021 at 02:55 PM