



Donna J. Esbensen

November 22, 1944 - January 25, 2016

Donna Holmes Esbensen, born November 22, 1944, entered into eternal life on January 25, 2016, surrounded by her family. She was the devoted wife of Christopher Esbensen for over 51 years; the loving and exceptional mother of Kari Esbensen (Chouinard) and Lindsey Esbensen Schacht; and the magnificent grandmother of Magdalen and Emily Chouinard, and Aidan and Reagan Schacht. She is also survived by her sons-in-law, Kevin Chouinard and Henry Schacht, and by her beloved brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Cheryl Holmes. In eternal life, she has been reunited with her parents, Owen and Thelma Holmes, and her beloved brother, Gregory Holmes.

Donna had a brilliant mind and a gentle heart. She was loving, welcoming, courageous, strong, energetic, persistent (some might say stubborn!), creative, insightful, thoughtful, compassionate, kind, and always generous with her time and her many talents. She was a loyal friend and inspiring teacher to many, and, most importantly, she lived as God's faithful servant all the days of her life.

Donna's true passions were her family and her faith. Her family is most proud of the work she did in bringing others closer to God through her many ministries, particularly her work preparing catechumens for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Donna's memory to: RCIA Ministry or Ministry to the Sick, c/o St. Mary Magdalen Parish, 861 Maitland Avenue, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, February 1st, 10:00 am, at

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, followed by a reception in the church's Family Life Center.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
(407) 831-1212
<http://www.stmarymagdalen.org>

Tribute Wall

JO

“ I just heard today 02.15.2016 about Donna's passing and was sorry to hear. I worked for Donna at Lighthouse Central Florida several years ago. I sat in her office with her and we had some wonderful conversations. She was a good teacher and I enjoyed her company. She spoke often of her wonderful family and her involvement at church. Last time I saw her was a couple years ago but have since lost touch. I pray the Lord brings comfort to you knowing the impact she had on so many lives.

Joni Peterson

Joni - February 15, 2016 at 02:59 PM

DP

“ Dr. Esbensen, I just learned of the loss of your beloved wife. I am so sorry. Please accept my deep condolences. Donna Puterbaugh.

Donna Puterbaugh - February 04, 2016 at 02:24 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we remember the remarkable Donna. I first met Donna at Lighthouse Central Florida and after graduating from the program I spent many years working with her as a volunteer and board member of Lighthouse. She was a truly remarkable and talented individual that I will miss as life goes on. She spoke often of her family and her faith.and was an inspiration to all of us.

May GOD Bless and keep you all as she transitions to heaven where we will all get to see her again someday!

Dwight Sayer

Dwight Sayer - January 30, 2016 at 01:57 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Donna J. Esbensen.*



January 28, 2016 at 12:56 PM