



## Donna Louise Hehr Grell

December 6, 1930 - December 4, 2022

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE INFO...

Saturday, April 22, 2023 1:00PM at First Lutheran Church, 909 E Tuscarawas Street, Canton, Ohio

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Our much loved Mom, Donna Louise Hehr Grell, 91, went home to be with her Lord on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at her home in Ocoee, Florida. She passed away peacefully in her sleep just as she had hoped and prayed. Donna was born in Canton, Ohio on December 6, 1930 to the late John and Eliza Hehr. She was the youngest of seven children. She was baptized and raised in First Lutheran Church of Canton where she was active until her move to Orlando, Florida in 2000 to spend the remainder of her life with her children and grandchildren.

Donna was a 1948 graduate of Timken Vocational High School. Mom and Dad had gone to the same church throughout their lives but hadn't met until after high school because George attended German Service with his mother and Donna attended English Service with her family! They were married at First Lutheran in 1950. Dan and Linda were born to this loving couple during the first few years of their marriage. Mom was active at all the schools that we kids attended... she was president of the PTA, worked with Scouts, president of Perry Band Boosters, and was a member of Canton Garden Club and

Trirosis Women's Club. She worked as a cashier at Fishers Foods, West Tusco store for more than 30 years where she made many friends with her fellow workers as well as customers. After George passed away in 1991, Donna remained in Canton maintaining her ties with friends and family while also traveling to Florida.

Upon her move to Florida in 2000, she became active in her new community at Palm Valley Mobile Home Park in Oviedo and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Winter Park. She was a strong, independent woman who made this big move courageously. She enjoyed playing bocce ball and Mahjong as well as helping with other events at the club house at Palm Valley. She loved spending time with her growing grandsons and hosted many family dinners and celebrations at her new home.

Mom suffered a stroke in 2011 that altered her life dramatically due to partial paralysis. It was a struggle for her and she missed her independence every day. We are grateful that beyond the physical disability, she was blessed to have her memory, speech, and sense of humor. She lived in assisted living the past ten years where she received the assistance needed for mobility and other activities of daily living. To the day she died, Mom insisted on looking her best. She had two large closets filled with clothes, got her hair done every week, and put on light makeup every day. Every time she wanted to go shopping, we told her she needed to give up something because there was no more room... that rarely happened and then there were the shoes. We loved that she loved looking good. Her fellow residents and friends always remarked about how nice she always looked.

Besides Dan of Orlando, Linn and her husband John, of Zellwood, Florida... Donna was blessed with three grandsons... Eric (Lindsey) Morris of Orlando, Tim (Hali) Morris of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Bryan (Dia) Morris of Kansas City, Missouri, as well as great-granddaughter, Alice Morris of

Orlando. Donna is also survived by sister-in-law, Barb Hehr of Canton, Ohio, and many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, George, and her six siblings... Mary (Chuck) Prysock, Mildred (Earl) Devis, Louis (Virginia) Hehr, Jean (Herman) Young, Doris (Don) Upperman, and Bill (Barb) Hehr.

Donna had five girlfriends from her childhood and high school days whom she loved like sisters... all these women passed before her with Mary being exactly one week before... Susie Polsinelli Biasella, Susie Paolette Crum, Anna Gemmato, Mary Datko Ebner, and Alice Schill Richardson.

Although we are very sad that she is no longer physically with us, we feel her presence around us every day and we rejoice that she is now reunited with our Dad, the love of her life, and her dear friends and family. We can envision Mom and Dad dancing a polka and happy together for eternity. They were quite a couple on the dance floor.

We would like to thank the teams at Madison Senior Living of Ocoee and AdventHealth Hospice Care of Central Florida for their love and care of Donna.

There will be no services in Orlando. A Service and Celebration of Life will be held in her hometown of Canton, Ohio on April 22, 2023 at First Lutheran Church, 1:00PM. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

If a donation in Mom's memory is desired... although Mom did not die of cancer, she supported the mission and work of Aunt Susie's Cancer Wellness Center of Canton, Ohio ([www.auntsusies.org](http://www.auntsusies.org)), First Lutheran Church of Canton, Ohio, or a charity of your choice.

§ We would love you to leave a fun memory of you and Mom on the tribute wall created in her memory. Thank you for all your love for Mom and us. Dan, Linn, and Family. §

Final arrangements have been handled by DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory of Ocoee, Florida.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry about Donna . She will be greatly missed. We knew George and Donna when we lived on Maxine ave in Canton. Everyone watched out for one another. My deepest sympathy. Betty McCauley

chris mccauley - April 17, 2023 at 01:16 PM

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Chris- thank you for helping with this message...  
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Daniel Grell - May 19, 2023 at 04:37 PM

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Dan Grell - December 17, 2022 at 08:50 PM

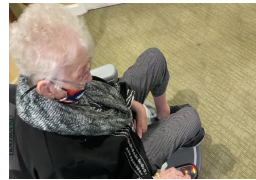
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This is a favorite picture of mine. It sat on Mom's table with all of her favorite pictures, right across from her recliner where she could view them all. I estimate it was around 1988.

Linn Morris - December 17, 2022 at 09:03 PM

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**Dan Grell** - December 14, 2022 at 10:58 AM