



# Donna M. Mattei

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**D**onna M. Mattei, age 72 of Lewes, DE passed away in her sleep after a courageous battle with cancer on Monday, May 27, 2024. She was born on April 24, 1952, in Philadelphia, PA, daughter of the late Anthony and Elanor (Walters) Mattei.

Ms. Mattei was a graduate of Cardinal Dougherty High School, class of 1970. She held several job positions throughout her career such as freelance artist and realtor. Ms. Mattei's interests were as varied as they were passionate. She loved gardening and her green thumb was evident by her carefully manicured yard and her well attended flowers and was truly passionate about photography.

Ms. Mattei was a talented sculptor of Native American crafts, a testament of her love for Native American culture and her desire to connect with the world beyond her doorstep. With a deep passion for history, she spent many years participating in several historical reenactments. Her most endearing qualities were, however, those of being generous and loving to those she held near to her heart. Whether sharing stories of the past, or simply enjoying the company of her loved ones, her presence was a source of warmth and wisdom. Ms. Mattei will be dearly missed by all who were blessed to have her in their lives.

In addition to her parents, Ms. Mattei was predeceased by her fiancé, Billy Allen of Philadelphia, PA. She is survived by her chosen family and her close friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Ms. Mattei's memory to Philadelphia Mummers String Band Association, <https://www.pmsba.org/>, American Cancer Society, <https://donate.cancer.org/>, or Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Grounds, Non-Profit, <https://georgiatribeofeasterncherokee.org/donate>.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



# Tribute Wall

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**Steve** posted:

She was truly one of the most gifted individuals I've ever met. She could sing, play guitar, anything she wanted.. her unique style of any art,being it pen and ink, water colors, sculpting, anything she tried she was brilliant. She was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the out.. she was my first love as a 16 year old, who never forgot what an exceptional person she was, who overcame life's hardships which were thrown at her at an early age. Gone.. but not forgotten from Steve, she'll know which Steve

April 24 at 5:02 PM



**Vince Jurgaitis** posted:

She gave her love to me unconditionally and never asked for anything in return. She was such a beautiful, free spirit !

July 26 at 4:57 PM



**Vince Jurgaitis** July 26 at 5:17 PM

Her nickname was "Bunny" and she'll forever have a place in my heart !



**Paul Girard Yacovett** lit a candle in honor of Donna.

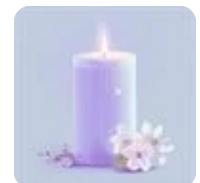
June 5 at 12:10 AM



**Carol Juzwiak** lit a candle in honor of Donna.

Donna you had a heart bigger than anyone I know. You will be missed by many. Fly high.

June 4 at 2:24 PM



**Linda Fortier** lit a candle in honor of Donna.

June 3 at 6:28 AM





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AC

**Andrea Collum** lit a candle in honor of Donna.



June 2 at 11:47 PM

AC

**Andrea Collum** June 2 at 11:53 PM

Donna's brightness was too glorious for this world, but those of us left in her comet's tail have been forever illuminated by her wisdom and humor. She will be forever loved, forever cherished, and never forgotten. Fly high, Sister!



**Jenny Eastlick** lit a candle in honor of Donna.

I will watch for you, dear Donna Blue Jay. Thank you for your inspiration and friendship.

June 2 at 9:59 AM



SH

**Shenna** lit a candle in honor of Donna.

What an incredible Woman and Sister/Friend:) Beautiful Memories You created and leave Us with. Strength, Humor and Passion dripped from You always...tucked into My heart You remain. Dance on Dearest ...

June 2 at 4:52 AM



KK

**Kevin Kunze** lit a candle in honor of Donna.

June 2 at 1:00 AM



SB

**Steve Blackhawk** lit a candle in honor of Donna.

June 1 at 3:03 PM





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MP

**Miss Possum** lit a candle in honor of Donna.

May 31 at 8:15 PM



MK

**Mary Kaplan** lit a candle in honor of Donna.

May 31 at 2:48 PM



KA

**Kevin And Andrea** June 30 at 4:52 PM

Fly with Creator dear Storm Crow, you touched our family's lives along the red road and you will be missed greatly dear sister.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donna by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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