



Donna Jo Woods Cool

October 24, 1935 - April 25, 2014

A wake for Donna Jo Woods Cool will be held Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 5:00 pm with Holy Rosary following at 7:00 pm, at Stewart Family Funeral Home on Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler. Requiem mass will be said at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Burial will be at DFW National Cemetery on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 12:30 pm under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Donna Jo Woods Cool passed away peacefully Friday, April 25, 2014, at her home in Tyler, Texas. She was born in Emerson, Iowa on October 24, 1935 to Harlan A. "Woody" and Helen A. (Hurley) Woods. In 1947, the family moved to Concordia, Kansas. She married her high school sweetheart Gary D. Cool June 7, 1954 in Concordia, Kansas.

When Gary graduated from the University of Kansas in 1957, "Rock Chalk... Jayhawk...KU" Donna was awarded a PhT - Putting Hubby Thru degree. And ... they were off to Fort Worth, Texas, working for Convair while waiting for "their" entrance to the United States Air Force.

She proudly spent 22 years creating a loving home wherever the Air Force sent them. One of her happiest moments was when Gary assumed command of the 17th TRS in Zweibrucken AB, Germany, where she became surrogate mother hen to the many young aircrew members and their wives during their first time in a foreign country. Upon return to the US, Gary and Donna eventually settled in Arlington, Texas, for 10 years while he was employed at General Dynamics in Fort Worth. In 1992, they retired to Lake Palestine,

Texas, to enjoy fishing, gardening, traveling and chasing grandkids.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents and brother, William David (Billie David) Woods. She is survived by her husband, Gary of Tyler, their children Christine and husband Gary Hubbard of Arlington; Douglas and wife Veronica Cool of Round Rock; daughter Rebecca Cool of Tyler and daughter Michelle and husband Brian Worman of Lubbock; her sister Sue and husband Ken Vignery of Concordia, Kansas. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and her 17th squadron kids.

Donna loved Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint and was very, very proud to have been one of the founding group from 1998. Donna was a faithful friend to so many as well as a loyal and devoted wife and mother. Though she had much suffering in these later years, she never faltered in her resolve to pray for us all and to support this parish.

The family would like to specifically thank the staff at The Hospice of East Texas, especially Joyce & Debra.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to either Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3800 Paluxy Dr., Ste. 535, Tyler 75703, in honor of her grandson Ian, St. Mary Magdalene's Building Fund, 18221 FM 2493, Flint 75762 or to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler 75701.

Cemetery Details

DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Rosary

APR 29. 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Requiem Mass

APR 30. 6:00 PM (CT)

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
18221 FM 2493
Flint, TX 75762
(903) 894-7647

Burial

MAY 1. 12:30 PM (CT)

DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Donna was a loving wife and mother to her husband and children and an exceptionally caring advisor-councillor-mentor to a diverse group of young aircrews and wives in the 17th TRS. She truly cared about our well-being and I am utterly convinced that she loved each and every one of us in that special way only a mother or sister can love a child or a sibling. Donna will receive Showers of Blessings at journey's end and we pray God's blessings on you now, Donna.
Love from RB and Anita Hunt

RB Hunt - April 30, 2014 at 08:18 PM



“ Donna was a very sweet gentle lady that came to us and introduced herself in the most wonderful simple way although we had long before admired her christian demeanor, may the Lord grant her eternal rest and perpetual light shine upon her. To her family all our love.

claudia & horacio chivacuan

Horacio Chivacuán - April 29, 2014 at 07:12 AM

MW

“ Dear Cools,
Words can't express the joy the memories of my time with Donna bring. Every time I see the horn hanging on our stairway wall I get a smile on my face remembering hanging out the window blowing the old horn at her next door to make our plans for the day, Don't you know the German people on our street thought we were crazy.

We had so much fun on those foggy mornings heading for Amsterdam. I think of looking in the back seat and seeing her laying down hiding from people as I drove down bicycle paths by mistake. I think of hurrying when we reached Holland to go in the bakeries to gorge on goodies.

I could go on and on with memories. My heart is full and sad at the same time.

We love you all. Our hearts ache with you. We are so blessed to have had her in our lives. I truly treasure the wonderful times we had together.
Maxine Weatherford

Maxine Weatherford - April 28, 2014 at 01:04 PM

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“ Your Fedex Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donna Jo Woods Cool.



Your Fedex Family - April 28, 2014 at 10:22 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Jo Woods Cool.*



April 28, 2014 at 10:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Jo Woods Cool.*



April 28, 2014 at 09:49 AM



“ *Dear Cool Family*

Our prayers are with you for God's loving comfort now and the days ahead. Donna was one of Life's Blessings. A role model for many young military wives who found themselves in Germany. At first we thought we were so far from family until we met our wonderful squadron commanders wife....Donna. Then we learned that we were not without family. To her children, thank you for sharing your Mother with the 17th TRS.

What a treasure it was to call Donna friend and most of all "Mama Cool".

Dear friend we will miss you, until we meet once again.

Betty and Tom Kelly

Betty Kelly - April 27, 2014 at 04:48 PM