



Donna Marie Frisella

April 20, 1946 - November 11, 2019

Our precious Donna Marie Frisella, 73, was taken home to be with the Lord at 6:32 pm.,

Monday, November 11, 2019. Her death was caused by a massive heart attack.

Donna was born on April 20, 1946 to Donald and Janet Roche, of Emington, Illinois on Donald's

25th birthday. She was the oldest of four girls and a beloved sister. She attended Saunemin

High School and graduated in 1964. Donna was crowned homecoming queen, won the area

pageant known as Miss Livingston County, Illinois, and was runner-up in the Miss Illinois pageant.

Donna attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, majoring in Cosmetology

where she met her husband, Josef Frisella, from Saint Louis, Missouri. They were married on

February 12, 1966. Donna worked alongside Josef, co-managing their many businesses over

the years in St. Louis, Mo and West Hollywood, CA. She also ran her own clothing line for 3

years in Los Angeles, CA.

Donna was an extremely loving and caring human being, loved by all who had the fortunate opportunity to have known her. (Her most enduring vice was her craving for “Dark Chocolate”, which her grandchildren would sneak to her behind Josef’s back.) She was a devoted friend and wife to her husband Josef, a loving mother to her two daughters, Julie and Angela, and a wonderful and caring grandmother to her ten grandchildren. Donna’s greatest legacy is the memories she has shared with her adoring family. She was a wonderful grandmother (Nani) always showing interest and providing encouragement to support the children at their recitals, plays, concerts, oral book reports, sewing projects, cooking experiments, etc. She was a good listener and had an abundance of patience. She would generously listen on the other end of the phone for hours. She provided comfort to us all with popsicles during the summer and hot chocolate with two sizes of marshmallows during the cold months. Family time included children’s movies on repeat, toys strewn about the living room, forts and “houses” beneath the dining room table, Legos under foot, cozy blankets for snuggling... she loved when the grandchildren came to visit. Donna is survived by Josef, her husband; Julie van Uchelen (daughter) and husband Job; Angela Hahs (daughter) and husband Christopher; Kathy Kallas (sister) and husband Bill; Diane

Rothrock (sister) and husband Wes; Karen Archie (sister) and ex-husband Daho; Lucille Guest (aunt), and Dorothy Roche (aunt). Sam Frisella (brother in law) and wife Sandy.

Twelve nieces and nephews: Shelly Lewis, Candice Budzinski, Debbie Adcock, Kristi Wright, Jeff Kallas, Amy Meyer, Chad Rothrock, Ryan Rothrock, Triscia Plescia, Heather Bell, Adam Archi, and Lisa Archi. Ten grandchildren: Sarah Grows, Megan Hahs, Jason Hahs, Christian van Uchelen, Emma Hahs, Paul van Uchelen, Grace Hahs, Rene van Uchelen, Joie Hahs, and Joshua Hahs.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Janet Roche, her grandparents James and Irene Roche and Herbert and Vera Studley.

Services will begin with a celebration gathering on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 11:00am, followed by a memorial service at 12:00pm at Valhalla Funeral Chapel located at 7600 St.

Charles Rock Road in St. Louis, Missouri.

Donna wasn't interested in formality. Please dress casually and colorfully... you can even wear jeans, if you'd like. She wouldn't care one way or another to see you in a suit, but she would want you to feel comfortable ... so if you are a suit type person, go for it. We are heartbroken our beloved Donna has left us. Her pure sweetness, generosity, love and gentle, beautiful spirit will live on in all of those who loved her. Donna loved to hold the hands of

others; We will remember the feeling of her hand in ours. She will be sadly missed by us all.

in lieu of flowers: please send donations in Donna's name to
St Jude's Hospital..... stjude.org

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Gathering

DEC 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Valhalla Chapel of Memories
7600 St Charles Rock Road
St Louis, MO 63133

Memorial Service

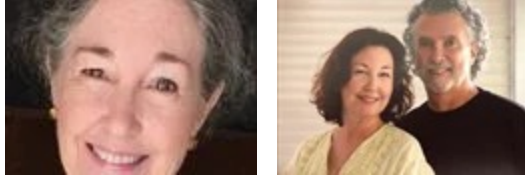
DEC 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JF

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Josef Frisella - January 13, 2020 at 03:26 PM

JF

Josef Frisella (Husband)

My Dearest Precious Donna,

I feel like life has been ripped from me and now I walk around like a zombie. I try to be strong for my daughters and grandchildren. I have never sobbed so much in my entire life. I knew I loved you Donna with all my heart and couldn't love you anymore than I did, but I found myself loving you more and more each day. I never thought you would leave me so soon. Now you are gone and that much love is aching inside of me. I miss you so much it is devastatingly unexplainable. The pain of loss is beyond words. I miss you SO. My heart aches all day long. God is keeping my tears in a bottle. I hope the bottle is large enough to take them all. You are my precious, precious wife, best friend, best mother to our daughters and best grandmother to our grandchildren. (Those of you who view this: Please keep me and my family in your prayers. Both my daughters have been strong in front of me but I know that they are both hurting so much. The grandkids are torn up as well) My God is Sovereign and I know she is in the best place possible ... with Jesus, in her heavenly dwelling, with all of her loved ones... but I miss her so!...

Donna, my forever friend and love of my life. You have been ripped from me at such a young age of 73. I was train wrecked and side swiped without any warning. It has crushed and devastated me to dust. You are and have been my best friend for 55 years and I will never forget your beautiful smile. When I looked into your eyes, I saw your deep unconditional love for me. You would tell me over and over all day long that you loved me and I miss that so much. Life is so empty without you at my side. I so enjoyed holding your hand in our home and in our car. The empty couch next to me pains me to no end.

Asking you to put on your safety belt is no longer a daily event because my precious passenger is no longer with me. Oh, how I miss you.

Every little item that I gaze upon ... your shoes, clothing, your jewelry, your last water glass (still half full of water), your nail files next to the couch, your pajamas (the fragrance of you ... I hold them as I sleep), now I sleep on your pillow, not mine. Filling the filtered water bottles, getting the mail... things you did daily... I am doing and sobbing as I think about you. Oh Donna, I thought we would have much more valuable, precious time together, that was not to be. Our dreams together will not happen now... our trip to Sicily, joining our daughters, their husbands and our grandchildren in Calif... not now, honey. I am so sorry I couldn't make it happen in time honey. You deserved it all and more. I know you are with Jesus and that makes me feel comforted.

Yes you are in a much better place now. I will never forget you, my precious love of my life... never. I miss you so. I cannot put into words how I deeply feel about losing you. My heart is broken to pieces. God Blessed us with His heavenly definition of His love. It is so much more powerful than earthly love. We both knew it. It grew more and more each day. Life without you is not life at all. So empty and directionless. I

love you forever with all of my heart. God Blessed me with the best gift ever ... YOU! Love you forever❤️❤️❤️, your loving husband, Josef

Josef Frisella - January 13, 2020 at 03:36 PM

PH

Indeed, a wonderful, wonderful woman!

peter hawkins - January 18, 2025 at 01:17 PM

MW

“ *What a sad day to be taken so early! I have known Donna since she was one years old.
She lived across the street from in a small town of Emington, Illinois.
We are cousins.
Her grandmother and my grandfather where brother and sister.
We played together as kids growing up, went to the same high school where her mother
was a teacher. I have many fond many for our younger years.
I last saw Donna and Josef at her Aunt Daah's funeral in Dwight just a little over a year
ago. She was the same wonderful Donna I have known all my life.
May you, the family,
know that we all miss her but know that she is with God and in the best place possible.*

J. Michael Weirman

Mike Weirman - December 11, 2019 at 09:50 AM

SD

“ Donna and I grew up about four miles apart and even though we attended different elementary schools, I distinctly remember seeing her over the years of our childhood at various community events, 4-H celebrations and more. I knew who she was because of her friendly, joyous presence and beauty. When we were in high school together, she a senior, I a freshman, I looked up to her as a model of what to become. I've been lucky over the years to see her on a number of occasions because her sister Diane married my brother Wes. She stayed that same beautiful, warm and caring, fun-loving and smiling person she always was. She will be missed.

Susan Rothrock Deo - December 06, 2019 at 11:54 PM

DR

“ My precious sister, Donna, will always be in my heart. She was a kind, loving, caring, and supportive sister to me, a loving wife to Josef, a devoted mother to Julie and Angie, and a proud Nana to special grandchildren. She was encouraging to me in my walk with the Lord, always sharing her thoughts, books, and prayers. We praised Jesus together for his wondrous ways! We enjoyed sharing family stories, LA-Chicago-Cancun shopping on our sister outings, and quiet walks. I remember her cutting my hair, sewing bridesmaids dresses, and sharing her clothes. Her generous heart and beautiful smile will stay with us always. I remember Donna on our California family trips, sunny beach hat days, our Colorado family reunion, celebrating her birthday and Wes' together, and each of our children's weddings. I remember buying the same plaid wool hat in Chicago because it just looked right on both of us! I am so grateful for having her in my life because she brought joy to everyone around her. Donna was more than a sister and friend to me, she was my sister in Christ. Though we were not prepared when Jesus swept her up in his arms and took her to heaven; she was prepared. All the Glory to God, Donna...you are home, my beautiful sister. We'll see you later. "Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peaceful." Proverbs 3:17.



Diane Rothrock - December 06, 2019 at 02:26 AM

RR

“ I remember visiting our sweet and hip Aunt in California at a young age. Her flowing, colorful sun dresses always matched her big smile. Her gentle warm hugs were always heartfelt. She was an amazing big sister to my Mom. Aunt Donna’s love for Uncle Joe and her daughters was always fully demonstrated. That love intensified with each of her grandchildren. She will be missed by many but was welcomed by her parents and Jesus into the best eternal destination last month. Until we meet again. With love,
Ryan & Brooke

Ryan Rothrock - December 03, 2019 at 10:53 PM

BB

“ Joseph, my condolences to you and the entire Frisella family for your loss. Donna was a very special lady with a kind heart. I'm praying that God has wrapped you and the family in His loving and healing arms. Please know that you all share a special place in my heart.

Ben Britton - December 03, 2019 at 07:17 PM

TP

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Trisha Plescia - December 03, 2019 at 01:27 PM

LT

“ *The memories we make as children stay with us for a lifetime and I was so lucky that my memories were made that much better by having known Donna. My family moved to Beverly Hills in 1977 and I started the 5th grade not knowing one single person. Luckily, a sweet little 10 year old with long blonde braids, Angela, (as we called her back then!) and I became fast friends. Our walks home would often turn into hours of hanging out or playing with the dollhouse at her home on Clark St. and Donna was always there to share her welcoming, sweet smile, to make us snacks, and to make me feel included in her family. I was so grateful to be shown what a loving family life could look like, having just been through my own parent's divorce, and I was just in awe of the love that Donna and Josef showed each other and of the type of parents that Donna and Josef were to their girls. They were also, for want of a better word, just cool. Donna was truly beautiful but never acted like she realized it- she was humble and had a grace and an inner beauty that surpassed all else. How fitting then that she had a granddaughter named Grace too! I'll never forget how amazing Donna was for letting Josef take a car full of girls to a giant outdoor music festival when we were barely teenagers (even after our car broke down)! She was so easy going, so full of life, and had such a kindness in her soul that you could even hear it in her voice- just sweetness from every part of her. From the carpooling, to the trick or treating, to becoming teens and finally adults, I knew Donna through every phase of my life. She never stopped being warm, caring, and interested in who I was or what I was up to. She never judged and was open to everyone and I will always value the time I spent with her. I am grateful to her for raising Angie to be so much like her and for giving me the friend that I so cherish today. Josef, Angie, and Julie, I am so sorry that Donna was taken from you so soon and for the pain that you are all feeling from her loss. Please know that there are many lives that were made better because of Donna, even in ways she may never have realized. I hope so much that the days ahead become easier for you all and that when you look into the eyes of your children and grandchildren, you will see that Donna is there, reflected in their sweetness and kind hearts. I send you all my*

love and I wish you strength and courage. May Donna's memory be a blessing, as she was a blessing to all who knew her in life!

Lara Tochner - December 02, 2019 at 10:35 PM

JS

“ *I became friends with Donna & Joseph's daughter Angie when I was 14. I remember the day I met Donna & Joseph and being enthralled by their kindness and joy. Over the years I got to know them a little better and will never forget the day I went up to see Angie in Leona Valley and ended spending the entire day speaking with Donna & Joseph about*

G-d and how important it is, regardless of your religious beliefs, to have a loving relationship with the Lord. That day had a profound impact on my life and made me so grateful to them for sharing their time and knowledge with me. Donna was such an extraordinary woman whom I always thought possessed such grace and compassion. Anytime I saw them, they made me feel so welcomed and loved. She was woman who was deeply loved by her husband, daughter and grandchildren. In the Jewish tradition when someone passes away we say "May Her Memory Be A Blessing." I am truly sorry for your profound loss and my love and prayers are with all of you - Jerusha

Jerusha Simantob - December 02, 2019 at 05:09 PM

AF

I remember Donna as the epitome of Feminine beauty and grace with a beautiful, warm smile and heart. The deep Love Donna and Joseph shared has impacted so many lives, profoundly.

I met Donna and Joseph when I was 11 years old and became dear friends with their beautiful daughter, Angie. We had a wonderful friendship through grade school, high school and college. As a child, I used spend a time at their home. It was a place of "cool" (Donna and Joseph were the cool and young parents among us) warmth, and I always felt welcomed by both Donna and Joseph.

It was abundantly apparent, even as a child, Joseph and Donna had a very special Love and were Soulmates. Their Love for one another exuded powerfully, and impacted my outlook on Love in profound and positive ways. Being around them, was a big stepping stone that inspires my work and chosen profession today. I help people and couples create what Joseph and Donna will forever share. Had I not had them as one of my real life examples of True Love, my passion and work would not be as deep. Through them, I learned what is possible in Love. Donna and Joseph are part of the fabric of how Love continues to spread in the world through their incredible relationship.

I also remember their Love for the Lord was primary in their family and and the foundation of their relationship in my observation. From that Love stemmed the principles and examples they set and passed on to so many, not just their children. I'm so grateful to have shared time with them over those formative and crucial years as it rooted my life's path in what is most important. A relationship with the Lord, and true Love. I feel one cannot happen without the other at the most profound and extraordinary levels.

I am forever grateful to have had the privilege of observing the Love and energy Donna and Joseph shared, and the importance of beautiful, feminine, gracious energy that was Donna and Angie carries through today.

This Love was not only their blessing from God, it impacted positively all those around them, and for generations. It is the ripple effect of the Lord and meaning of True Love. The two most powerful things on our planet and in the Universe.

I'm grateful to Joseph for being an incredible, God centered man; for his strength, wisdom, compassion and for his passion in continuing to share the importance of having a deep and authentic connection with God.

I'm sorry for your profound loss, and know, our Loved ones never

leave, they transform and we forever remain connected. Love is eternal.

My heart and prayers are with all of you for continued healing and blessed memories of Donna.

*Much Love,
Alexandra*

Alexandra Folesteanu - February 18, 2021 at 05:51 PM

JF

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Josef Frisella - December 02, 2019 at 09:12 AM

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Josef Frisella - December 02, 2019 at 09:06 AM

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Josef Frisella - December 02, 2019 at 09:02 AM

PH

“ Meeting Donna and Josef was the conclusion to the most profound prayer of my life. I was at a healing service in 1979, and the prayer was, "Jesus, if you're real, today would be a great day to let me know." Way beyond the physical healings that Sunday was being introduced to 5 profound Christian believers the next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday following the Sunday healing service. On that Friday in Beverly Hills I first met Josef who later in the meeting called Donna to arrange dinner with my wife and myself. We became profound friends... brothers and sisters in Christ. That friendship continues to this day. Donna, as we all know, is extraordinarily special. And today that specialness continues. Our bodies may give out, but our spirits move on, and we will be together, again. Bless you Donna for all that you did on this Earth: for your grace and kindness, motherly, sisterly and wifely blessings in your Godly walk!

xoxo IHN,

Phyllis and Peter Hawkins

Peter Hawkins - December 01, 2019 at 06:12 PM

MM

“ I am so grateful for our family trips to St Louis over the years for weddings, family visits, birthdays, and anniversaries. On many of the visits I had the opportunity to talk with Donna who was always kind, considerate, engaging and a lovely person. We often discussed with so much love your beautiful family beginning with Julie and Angie when they were young (there were even home movies:-) and later on their adults lives and grandchildren. I am sorry for your loss of one so dear. May all of your wonderful memories bring you comfort. Love and prayers Melinda

Melinda Monroe - December 01, 2019 at 06:04 PM

TP

“ Aunt Donna was such a gentle and loving person. I remember her long, often flowery, cotton dresses in the summer. On one of our family reunion California trips, I was the only kid who got to stay a night at Aunt Donna and Uncle Joe's house with the rest of the adults. She made me feel so special, and I got to stay up late watching a movie (I think Anne of Green Gables). Once I became a mom, she was always curious to hear about my day-to-day at home with the kids. She truly seemed interested and wasn't just asking to be polite :) If she was nearby, her hand often found mine. I will forever remember her sweet laugh during conversations, and the true joy in her voice.

Trisha (Rothrock) Plescia - December 01, 2019 at 04:59 PM

SG

“ Donna, oh how I miss you!! I truly cherish the many times I came to visit you and Josef at the house in Leona Valley. We'd watch Anne of Green Gables while enjoying the freshly popped popcorn that was perfectly seasoned by Josef, play with Julie and Angie's Barbies, color at the little fold out desk in the back bedroom, have sleepovers in your bedroom and giggle when Josef started to snore! I also enjoyed when we'd gather in the kitchen and make the famous family spaghetti sauce from scratch!! I'm pretty sure we went cherry or apple picking too! So many fun and precious moments we shared together when I was a child. I was so thankful to have spent time with you again on our last trip to California in May of 2016. I was especially grateful that you were able to meet my daughters! They gravitated toward your tender loving heart and I admired watching the three of you walk around taking in nature and looking at the flowers outside in Julie's backyard. I wish I could have seen you again, but I know I will in heaven someday! I love you always and forever my beautiful angel!! Love, Sarah

Sarah Grows - December 01, 2019 at 01:10 AM

SW

“Josef, I write this with a deep sadness in my heart for you and your family. I know Donna is fine now with the Lord but I also know what a terrible loss this is for you and my heart breaks. Donna was such a beautiful and loving woman and even though we didn't get to see her much the last couple of years I thought of her often, I will always treasure the times we had with each other the lunches the phone calls, her warmth and laughter, she had a wonderful laugh. I can't believe she is gone but I know we will see her again. I must say she had a beautiful spirit and everybody that knew her was touched by her warmth and grace. I loved her very much and will never forget her she was truly a woman of God and that showed in everything she did. Much love to you and your family Josef we are praying for you.

George and Sheila Willis

Sheila Willis - November 30, 2019 at 01:47 PM


FR

“Dearest cousin Joe,
My heart continues to ache for you. Donna was truly a woman of faith and grace. I remember her as selfless, kind, gentle, and nonjudgmental. She was as beautiful inside as she was outside. She was a great listener, lingering as she held your hand and asked you about yourself. She patiently endured our sharing of crazy memories of growing up together, and though she heard the same ones over and over again, she still smiled and was amused each time. She was so loving and accepting. You were blessed to have her to share the greater part of your life. She was one of a kind and I will lovingly remember her always.

Much love,
Fran

Fran - November 29, 2019 at 12:04 PM

DA

“ I will forever remember my Aunt Donna sweeping into a room with her linen dress and carefree spirit! She always walked up and held your hand to greet you with her sparkling eyes and sweet smile! She wanted to hear what everyone was up to and listened intently with genuine love and kindness. I am so grateful that my kids got to spend time with Aunt Donna and Uncle Joe! They will always remember Aunt Donnas soft voice, loving heart, and her kind ways. They will remember playing card games with their grandma and her big sister Donna! I am blessed to have many special memories with the Frisella family! Love you all!! 

Deb Adcock - November 27, 2019 at 09:47 PM

KW

“ Aunt Donna was a woman of great spirit and love. Her contagious smile and warm heart will forever be in my memories. My childhood vacations to California, the Pacific Ocean and Beaches with cousins, Colorado and most of all family time that we shared although so many miles apart. The love my mom and her sisters share is an unconditional one that was a gift from their parents and held together by a beautiful family. You will be missed, but never forgotten. XO Kristi, Eric, Tanner, Madison & Ellie

Kristi Wright - November 27, 2019 at 08:08 PM

KK

“ My sister Donna was the best mentor I could ever ask for. She knew just how much having her in my life meant to me, and the closeness that we shared will never end.

She has always filled my heart with joy and my face with smiles. Her laughter still rings

in my ears as I remember all the very deep, and the very silly, things that we would talk about through the years. We might start out with concerns, but by the end of every conversation you could count on feeling so much better just from sharing and encouraging each other to just keep on going - things would improve! I will always miss

and love my "big sis".

Kathy (Roche) Kallas - November 27, 2019 at 07:58 PM

SF

“ So many wonderful memories of our beautiful Donna. My sweet sister in law. We went thru

Dating and marriages and children. So much to remember about your wonder sweet smile and loving touch. I can't believe your not here anymore. You must be dancing with the Angels.

Miss you always and you will forever be in our hearts.

sandy Frisella - November 27, 2019 at 07:05 PM

RA

“ Joe, Julie ans Angie,

I have so many wonderful memories when both our families lived in California. You in LA area and we were in Northern CA. It was so good to have family close and how we made time to get together. Even driving and meeting halfway, remember Prismo Beach? (sp?)

When we were together Donna and I would go out shopping and leave you with the guys. I always admired Donna's great taste in clothes and how clever her sewing skills were. I still have a couple of the dresses she made for me. I can't bear to part with them and all the unusual touches she would put on the dress, especially the odd buttons. She is going to be missed by all of us, but she lives on in both you girls. Love, Rosie

rosie adams - November 27, 2019 at 02:42 PM



“ Donna was such a beautiful woman! She loved Jesus and loved people. I so appreciated her sincere smile, it was contagious. Love to Joseph and the entire family
Melinda Sweet

Melinda Sweet - November 27, 2019 at 12:18 AM

EB

“ She was very loving and kindhearted, always touching my hand in a soft gentle way. She listened to me intently because she really cared and loved me and everyone she met. She had a heavenly gentle spirit from the Lord. WE LOVED HER AND MISS HER. Ed & Lynne Brentlinger

Ed & Lynne Brentlinger - November 26, 2019 at 11:53 PM

AM

“ Uncle Joe,
Your love for Aunt Donna was always so evident, and my heart breaks for the sadness of your sudden loss. Aunt Donna was smiling every minute that I ever saw her! She had such a beautiful smile, and knew how to make people feel special. I'm thankful to have known her and to love her. And I'm so thankful that we know just where she is.
Love, Amy

Amy Meyer - November 26, 2019 at 11:21 PM

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“ I feel like life has been ripped from me and now I walk around like a zombie. I try to be strong for my daughters and grandchildren. I have never sobbed so much in my entire life. I knew I loved you Donna with all my heart and couldn't love you anymore than I did, but I found myself loving you more and more each day. I never thought you would leave me so soon. Now you are gone and that much love is aching inside of me. I miss you so much it is devastatingly unexplainable. The pain of loss is beyond words. I miss you SO. My heart aches all day long. God is keeping my tears in a bottle. I hope the bottle is large enough to take them all. You are my precious, precious wife, best friend, best mother to our daughters and best grandmother to our grandchildren. (Those of you who view this: Please keep me and my family in your prayers. Both my daughters have been strong in front of me but I know that they are both hurting so much. The grandkids are torn up as well) My God is Sovereign and I know she is in the best place possible ... with Jesus, in her heavenly dwelling, with all of her loved ones... but I miss her so!

Josef Frisella (Husband) - November 25, 2019 at 11:55 PM

LF

Joe, I am so saddened hearing of Donna's loss. I will never forget her shining eyes and her loving smile. She adored you and I understand the sorrow you are going through since Peter had passed on in March of this year. Sorrow is the purest form of love and remember that joy and sorrow walks hand in hand, as does life and death. It is going on 9 months for me and feels as if it was just yesterday he had left. You are blessed with a loving family and many friends to help you to handle this sorrow. You were given the honor of caring for her here and now she is in care of God again. My advice to you is talk to her. Greet her in the morning and wish her well at night. Tell her everything you are doing and planning to do everyday. This helps immensely. Move on with Donna, the spirit never dies. Take care. Liz

Lizzie Frisella - December 06, 2019 at 09:07 PM

JF

Thanks Liz. Really is true. What a vacuum without her.

Josef Frisella - February 01, 2020 at 02:27 AM

PP

“ I'm SO sorry for your loss. It's very hard to find the right words to say except "God is good all the time and all the time God is good." Donna was such a special person. She was a very kind, gentle, giving, loving woman who loved Josef and her girls. They were her world.

I first met her around 1967 when Josef and I worked for Famous Barr (now Macy's). She had me over for dinner one night and served me the Frisella lasagna which was delicious! She cut my hair that night and we found out that we had a lot in common. She loved to sew as much as I did and she inspired me in the fabrics that she chose. So much so that I went and bought the same fabric she had and I made a jacket out of it. It was a lightweight grey with white string woven thru it and I got many compliments on that jacket!!

I'm so sorry that I didn't get to see her more often but I am so GRATEFUL that I saw her in Sept. I will miss this lovely woman who carried such warmth and grace but I do look forward to seeing her again in heavenly places.

Love to all of you

Pam Price

Pam Price - November 25, 2019 at 10:34 PM

J(

“ Dearest Donna,
My friend and love of my life. You have been ripped from me at such a young age of 73. I was train wrecked and side swiped without any warning. It has crushed and devastated me to dust. You are and have been my best friend for 55 years and I will never forget your beautiful smile. When I looked into your eyes, I saw your deep unconditional love for me. You would tell me over and over all day long that you loved me and I miss that so much. Life is so empty without you at my side. I so enjoyed holding your hand in our home and in our car. The empty couch next to me pains me to no end. Asking you to put on your safety belt is no longer a daily event because my precious passenger is no longer with me. Oh, how I miss you. Every little item that I gaze upon ... your shoes, clothing, your jewelry, your last water glass (still half full of water), your nail files next to the couch, your pajamas (the fragrance of you ... I hold them as I sleep), now I sleep on your pillow, not mine. Filling the filtered water bottles, getting the mail... things you did daily... I am doing and sobbing as I think about you. Oh Donna, I thought we would have much more valuable, precious time together, that was not to be. Our dreams together will not happen now... our trip to Sicily, joining our daughters, their husbands and our grandchildren in Calif... not now, honey. I am so sorry I couldn't make it happen in time honey. You deserved it all and more. I know you are with Jesus and that makes me feel comforted. Yes you are in a much better place now. I will never forget you, my precious love of my life... never. I miss you so. I cannot put into words how I deeply feel about losing you. My heart is broken to pieces. God Blessed us with His heavenly definition of His love. It is so much more powerful than earthly love. We both knew it. It grew more and more each day. Life without you is not life at all. So empty and directionless. I love you forever with all of my heart. Love, your loving husband, Josef

Josef Frisella (Husband) - November 18, 2019 at 09:27 PM