



Donna M. Neal

November 27, 1950 - January 11, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Donna Neal, a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and treasured member of her community, who departed this life on January 11, 2026, at the age of 75. Born on November 27, 1950, Donna was a remarkable woman whose spirit shone brightly in all she did.

She professed a hope in Christ and was baptized at Friendship Baptist Church. A vibrant and independent soul, Donna was an active member of the St. Louis Society for the Blind, dedicating over 20 years to the Bookworm Club and serving as a 17-year member of Sight and Sound of the Impaired of St. Louis. Her passion for life extended to her involvement with the Games Accessible for the Blind club, where her sassy personality and infectious sense of humor left an indelible mark on everyone around her.

Donna was proud of her independence, having learned early on from her stepmother how to navigate the city and reach her cherished destinations. Among her happiest moments was when her family gathered to celebrate as her picture was displayed on the Call-A-Ride vehicle, a testament to her determination and zest for life.

An avid fan of The Beatles, with a special love for Paul McCartney, Donna found joy in music, laughter, and the company of her loved ones. She will be fondly remembered as a dedicated Big Sister and the best Auntie to her many

nieces and nephews, whose lives she touched with her warmth and unwavering support.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Ardell Vincent Neal and Delores Gilliehan-Neal; sister, Carla Neal; brothers: Lazarr Neal (Patricia) and Gardell Neal.

Survivors include her stepmother, Doris Neal of St. Louis Missouri; sister, Debra Bobo of St. Louis, Missouri; brothers: Michael Neal of St. Louis, Missouri; Andre (Debbie) Neal of Colorado; Sean Neal of St. Louis, Missouri; Arthur Neal (Kathy) of Carbondale, IL and Ardell Neal Jr. of St. Louis, Missouri; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Donna will be cremated, and her family invites all who knew and loved her to join them in honoring her remarkable life. A celebration of her life and legacy will be held on Friday, January 23, 2026, at Valhalla Chapel of Memories, 7600 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Louis, Missouri, 63133. A visitation will take place from 10:00 a.m. until service time at 12:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Louis Society for the Blind in memory of Donna, ensuring that her legacy of support and compassion continues on.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Indoor Mausoleum

7600 St Charles Rock Road
St Louis, MO 63133

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ Dear Andre and Debbie, although we never had the blessings of meeting and getting to know Donna, it's obvious that she was very special. Our hearts go out to you. May God's love embrace you tightly always.

John and Vel Howell

John and Velveta Howell - January 22 at 08:40 PM

MC

“ I knew Donna through St. Louis Society For The Blind And Visually Impaired. She hosted our Bookworms Book Club, (in fact she was the founder) and kept the book club going for over 20 years until her health forced her to step down. She was also a volunteer with us for many years before the book club.

I always loved how she signed her emails with “do not let the word no stand in your way.” She was one of the best human beings we've ever had the privilege to know. We considered her a friend and will miss her tremendously.

With love, the staff of St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Mary Caldwell - January 22 at 02:51 PM

SN

“ To my Cuz, Love you with all my heart! One of the most independent women I have ever known! It is a joy to have you in our lives! Going to miss you so much Cuz! Now I'm the only girl in for 75th Club! Love Sherry A Neal XOXO

Sherry Neal - January 18 at 08:28 PM

EV

“ Donna was a very good friend to us. We meet her about 20 years ago. we had a lot of fun and laughter with her. Then Evelyn moved to New Orleans and Nancy to Ohio. even then we saw Donna whenever we came to St. Louis to visit, we still talked to Donna sometimes for hours on the phone. we truly will miss her and remember and cherish all the fun we all had together.
Evelyn and Nancy.

Evelyn - January 18 at 03:55 PM

DW

“ I knew Donna from my work at the Service Club for the Blind and we became friends because we had the same first name. She was always so thoughtful and kind. She loved reading books and loved working with the book club at the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Vision impaired.

Donna Weidlich - January 17 at 06:09 PM

BM

Donna was my after, nine thirty in the evening, phone buddy. We listened when the other needed a non-judgmental ear. She always looked forward to Bob, her teddy bear's HUGS. We had lots of plans that got cut short. We will miss you Donna, till we see you again! Our love Marsha and Bob

Bob and Marsha Martin - January 31 at 12:20 AM