



Donna Joyce Wilson

January 26, 1940 - August 28, 2023

Donna Joyce Wilson (nee Porterfield, nee Hilmer) walked into the arms of Jesus on August 28th, 2023. She was 83 years old.

Surviving Donna is her husband, Benjamin M. Yudesis, children Jonathan (Mary) Hilmer, Lorri (Jay) Holtgrieve (nee Hilmer), and grandsons Timothy Hilmer and Jacob Hackett. Donna was preceded in death by her second husband, George Wilson, parents Earl H. Porterfield and Nora Anna Porterfield (nee Detmers), son Donald Hilmer, and infant daughter Rebekah Ruth Hilmer.

Donna was born and raised in Ferguson, Missouri, where she was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. She graduated from Lutheran High School Central in 1958 and went on to study at St. Paul's College in Concordia, Missouri, and Lewis and Clark Community College, where she earned her degree in business administration. Her 35-year career in healthcare administration included time at Washington University and St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, and at the Rio Grande State Center in Harlingen, Texas.

After retirement, she enjoyed membership in many social organizations and especially volunteering her time at the Freddy Fender Museum in San Benito, Texas, as well as working on other historical projects. Donna's passion for archeology and anthropology fueled her love of travel, and trips to Egypt,

Greece, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico, and Spain were among her favorites.

Always one to enjoy dark humor, Donna's list of post-life instructions began with the line, "In the event of my demise... be sure I'm dead and not sleeping." She will be missed by all who knew her.

Memorials may be made in her memory to Humanitri at <https://humanitri-bloom.kindful.com/> or mailed to PO Box 6512, St. Louis, MO 63125.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Outdoor Garden Mausoleum

7600 St Charles Rock Road
St Louis, MO 63133

