



Donna Rae Watson

October 30, 1935 - June 27, 2018

Donna Rae Watson, age 82, of Albia, passed away peacefully at her home under the care of Care Initiatives Hospice surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born on October 30, 1935 to Joseph and Geneva (Bates) Thomas in Hiteman, Iowa. She grew up and attended the Albia High School graduating with the Class of 1954. She was united in marriage to Matt Watson on June 29, 1952 in Albia, Iowa. To this union 2 children were born, Michelle and Cameron.

Donna was a homemaker for most of her life while raising her children. She also helped with secretary work for her husband's business, Watson's Gas Company where she started a small book store. She later opened a consignment store that was located on the square in Albia for many years until she started the Coal Miners Daughter Antique Shop. She enjoyed reading, tending to her flower garden, bird watching, sewing, making quilts and antiques. Above all else, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Donna is survived by her husband of almost 66 years, Matt Watson of Albia; a daughter, Dawn "Michelle" (Roy) Hutcheon of Kansas City, MO; a son, Cameron (Tamie) Watson of Albia; her grandchildren, Nathan (Deborah) Hutcheon of Greenville, S.C; Ariel Hutcheon of Virginia Beach, VA; Hunter

Watson (Melissa Emerson) of Albia and Caitlyn Watson (Curtis James) of Albia; her brothers, Howard (Lois) Thomas of Hiteman and Robert (Romanita) Thomas of Lovilia and her sisters, Mimi (John) Tharp of Scotts Bluff, NE. and Kitty (Buddy) Stafford of Milton, FL.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Geneva and two sisters, Gladys VanDolah and Jeanne Frye.

As was Donna's wish, her body has been cremated and a private family service will be held at a later date.

Condolences to the family may be left online at www.tharpfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Rae Watson*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Donna Rae Watson*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Donna was such a beautiful and kind lady. Sending prayers as my heart goes out to Matt, Cameron, Michelle and their families in this time of loss*



Joann Gergely - June 28, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ *My sympathy to Matt and to Cameron and Michele and their families. They have all been very special to my family.*

Rita Gergely - June 28, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ *Sincere Sympathy to the family of Donna Watson, and may your memories give you comfort in the days ahead. Jerry & Diane Durian*

Jerry & Diane Durian - June 27, 2018 at 11:20 PM



*Thoughts and prayers are with you Michelle and all of your family!
Kathy Chidester Lientz*

Kathy Chidester Lientz - June 28, 2018 at 09:27 PM

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“ Donna were very gracious to me and many others through the years. She was an awesome lady with an amazing husband. It is difficult to talk about Donna without speaking of Matt at the same time. Growing up, I knew them as great friends to my parents. Later, as a young man, I observed firsthand how kind and caring they were to people when I worked for them. Watson's gas wasn't merely a business, they viewed their customers as friends. I have been so blessed to have had the privilege to call Donna and Matt my friends. Our heart goes out to Matt, Michelle, Cameron and their families. God nless you all. John and Jana

John Simmons - June 27, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ Jim Wade lit a candle in memory of Donna Rae Watson



Jim Wade - June 27, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ Donna Watson a wonderful kind lady to have known .Always a Beautiful smile to make ones day that much better ,i was always amazed of her knowledge of antiques and collectables when we talked years ago ~~~ My heart goes out to Matthew , Cameron and Michelle and there families in this time of loss

Jim Wade - June 27, 2018 at 06:07 PM

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“ *I haven't seen Donna in many years, but she was a gracious hostess to me. I spent a lot of time with Michelle and Cameron when we were young and Matt and Donna were a big part of that. Donna was a good person and I have many good memories of her.*

Kraig Scott - June 27, 2018 at 06:03 PM