



Donna Mary Burns

January 7, 1946 - January 25, 2018

On January 25, 2018 Donna Mary Burns, age 72, went home to the Lord after three years of battling complications due to breast cancer. Donna was born in Rockford, IL to James Reed Burns and Mary Helen Logan on January 7, 1946. She attended West High School and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture at the University of Illinois - Champagne. Donna continued her education at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, receiving a Masters Degree in Environmental Planning. Upon graduation, Donna joined the Peace Corps, helping to design low income housing in Marrakesh, Morocco, Africa for two years. She then taught architecture in Malaysia, near Kuala Lumpur for another two years. After completing her tour with the Peace Corps, she taught interior design at San Jose State University. Expanding her career, Donna worked as a licensed architect for a number of companies, including Disney Corporation and the McGraw-Hill Construction Division, where she retired in 2006. In 2007, Donna moved from San Mateo, CA to The Villages, where she enjoyed playing golf and mah-jongg, as well as being actively involved in the Clayers Club at Mulberry Grove Recreation Center, the Genealogy Club, the Tri-County Optimist Club, the California Club, a neighborhood book club, the Vagabonds Social Club and assisting her husband in performing "Name That Movie" throughout The Villages. Besides her many clubs, Donna also volunteered weekly at North Lake Presbyterian Church in their "Homebound" program, delivering meals to homes in the tri-county area. Donna is survived by her loving husband and partner of 32

years, Frank Dudinski; her sister Betty (Logan) Zacate of Mokena, IL; and her brother James G. Burns of Rockford, IL. A memorial service will be held at North Lake Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 17 at 11AM. All are welcome who wish to honor the life of this fine gentle women who adored her neighbors and friends for their kindness and love; who cared for people of all walks of life and who cherished the life God gave her, blessing her in so many ways.

Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry for your loss, and know that you have been the best partner and support over these three years, giving of yourself. She was a gift from God and will be cherished always. You are in our prayers.

Dan Karasch - February 09, 2018 at 02:56 PM

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“ We are so sorry about our close friend Donna's passing but thankful she is out of pain and at peace. Frank, thank you for the loving care you gave to her in her health and in her illness. We are here for you.
Love,
Your friends David and Joyce

Joyce and David Lehtonen - January 31, 2018 at 03:43 PM