



## Anita Arlene Drassler

May 21, 1939 - October 13, 2025

Anita Arlene Drassler (nee Maki) 86 years old of Bourbonnais, Il passed away peacefully at the University of Chicago Medical Center in Chicago on October 13 th with her family at her side.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Stanley aka Stash. Her daughter Lynne Drassler-Daddono (Anthony), sons Jeffrey and Robin, and two grandchildren Joy & Jay Drassler. Her husband and her children were the joy and priority of her life, and she loved them all with incredible passion.

Preceded in death by her parents (Arvo and Aili Maki) and her brother Ronald Maki.

She was born May 21, 1939, and raised in Waukegan Illinois, went to Waukegan High School, and attended Marquette University. She met her husband when she was 16 years old and they have been together ever since as they celebrated their 65 th wedding anniversary in November of 2024.

Anita was a stay-at-home Mom and was highly involved in husband's business as McDonalds Owner-Operators in three of the local restaurants.

She was a member of the Kankakee Country Club and was regularly active in women's golf. She loved to go out for dinner, tap dancing, exercise class and playing pinochle.

She was born to parents of Finnish descent, as she could speak the language fluently. She loved to prepare Finnish food. She hosted and cooked for every family holiday and celebration.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the 11:00 a.m. memorial mass at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Kankakee IL (428 S. Indiana Avenue) on October 21, 2025.

In lieu of flowers or donations the family asks for your thoughts and prayers. Arrangements are by Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana Ave.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

## Memorial Mass

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# Tribute Wall

CS

“ My heart goes out to the Drassler family and Stash. Anita was part of our greatest 1957 Class from Waukegan Township High School. We had reunions every 5 years for many years and she and Stash always came to help us celebrate. We were such an active class and everyone knew one another. We all tried to stay in touch with each other over the many years.

*I send my prayers to you all with heartfelt condolences and hoping that you can all look back on the wonderful memories of so many great years. Anita will be missed by many of us.*

*All my love, Chandra Simpson Sefton, Gurnee, IL.*

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**Chandra Simpson Sefton** - October 25, 2025 at 12:21 AM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss Stash and family, What a wonderful lady! Jack and Sue Fitzgerald

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**Jack Fitzgerald** - October 21, 2025 at 10:11 AM

CG

“ Stash, Lynne, Jeff & Robin & Families >

*So so sorry to hear of Anita's passing. She was the matriarch of a loving, wonderful family. As you mourn her passing, know she is at peace in God's loving arms. Cherish your wonderful memories ! 🙏.*

*- Carl*

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**Carl Gerdovich** - October 20, 2025 at 10:07 PM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. She was such a sweet and wonderful woman. Sending prayers to Stoch and the rest of the family, from your old neighbor, Dan

Daniel Donohue - October 20, 2025 at 09:45 AM

JG

“ Deepest sympathy to all of you on the loss of Anita; she was one of a kind and will be deeply missed. May the soul of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Sincerely, Dorothy & Jay Griswold

Jay & Dorothy Griswold - October 18, 2025 at 08:38 PM

LF

“ Our deepest condolences and prayers Stash and family on your loss. Anita will be deeply missed.



Lou and Jolynne Fahey - October 18, 2025 at 06:03 PM



Stash - I was just thinking of you after seeing all the tornado activity in Aroma Park! I am so very sorry to hear about Anita. She was always so kind to me. (As you were too). God bless - I hope you're doing well.  
Kathy Lyon from McDonalds

Kathy Lopez - March 11 at 06:07 PM

RP

“ *Rose Marie & Gary Piatt lit a candle in memory of Anita Arlene Drassler*



Rose Marie & Gary Piatt - October 18, 2025 at 05:41 PM

RP

*Our Deepest Sympathy Stash and your family on the loss of Anita. You're in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Gary & Rose Marie*

Rose Marie & Gary Piatt - October 18, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ *Oh Anita, I will miss you dearly. I wish I could visit with you one last time for a cup of coffee and chat. I miss coming over in the mornings before school and catching up with you while you finish your morning coffee. I'll miss how midway through helping you exercise you would always sneak in some candies and sweet treats for us to eat together. You are such a kind, selfless, beautiful soul who will be missed by many<3*

Kaylee Morrow - October 16, 2025 at 09:28 PM

JB

“ *Anita was a wonderful woman, and will be missed by all who knew her. Ever since we moved away, miss seeing her at the 100 Club picnic, and running into her & Stash at Jewel. Sending our prayers to her Family, during this difficult time. God Bless you all in the days ahead. Heaven just gained another Angel.. Jeff/Trina Bruno, Peoria, AZ.*



Jeff Bruno - October 14, 2025 at 05:59 PM