



## Donna Mary Witheft

January 1, 1935 - February 12, 2025

Donna Mary Witheft, age 90, lifelong resident of Buckingham, passed away Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Arc of Dwight. She was born on January 1, 1935, in Herscher, the daughter of Frank and Aldea (Kerouac) Tobenski.

Donna married Merlyn Witheft on November 8, 1953, in Irwin. He preceded her in death on August 24, 2022, after 68 years of marriage.

Donna was a secretary for Hendrix-Stoller International, Case IH, and MW Accounting in Kankakee. Donna volunteered for twelve years in the EARL Reading Program for the Herscher School District. She volunteered in the kitchen at Reddick and Herscher Grade Schools. Donna loved listening to music and singing. She was a soloist at church for weddings and funerals. Donna loved animals, particularly cats and birds. Donna's family was of utmost importance to her, especially her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Donna was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher.

Surviving are three sons, Kevin (Joyce) Witheft of Kankakee, Keith (Lisa) Witheft of Buckingham, Brian (Robin Foster) Witheft of Kankakee; one daughter, Gloria (Bill) Graham of Chebanse; five grandchildren, Dana Witheft, Ali Szabo, Aidan Witheft, Krista Davis, Kendra Witheft; six great grandchildren, Evan, Vaida, Natalie, Hunter, Garret, Levi; many nieces and nephews.

Donna is preceded in death by her husband, Merlyn; her parents; two brothers, Harold and Floyd Tobenski; one sister, Doreen Cowan.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. funeral service on Monday, February 17, 2025, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher. Burial will follow at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Herscher. Reverend Eric Brown will officiate the service.

Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House Charities or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Herscher, IL 60941

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
255 E. Third  
Herscher, IL 60941  
(815) 426-2262

## Funeral Service

FEB 17. 1:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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255 E. Third  
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# Tribute Wall

RL

“ Rose ELLEN Lavallie lit a candle in memory of Donna Mary Witheft



Rose ELLEN Lavallie - February 15, 2025 at 07:05 PM

RL

“ Aunt Donna Love & Miss You Forever. Rose Ellen

Rose ELLEN Lavallie - February 15, 2025 at 07:02 PM

DB

“ Deborah Bennett lit a candle in memory of Donna Mary Witheft



Deborah Bennett - February 15, 2025 at 01:42 PM

GG

“ Gloria Graham lit a candle in memory of Donna Mary Witheft



Gloria Graham - February 15, 2025 at 08:53 AM

TG

“ *To the Witheft family  
You have my deepest sympathy. Classmate Class of 1952 Theresa  
Grosso*

Theresa Grosso - February 14, 2025 at 02:33 PM

CO

“ *Connie lit a candle in memory of Donna Mary  
Witheft*



Connie - February 13, 2025 at 12:18 PM

CD

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Donna's family! I really enjoyed all of  
our visits and working together. She was a wonderful person, she  
will be missed. 💔*

Connie Dato - February 13, 2025 at 12:18 PM

SB

“ *Prayers go out to the family. What a beautiful  
soul and spirit she had, loved taking care of  
her at Harvest Veiw. She will be greatly  
missed*



Sherry Bowen - February 13, 2025 at 09:24 AM

KT

“ *My deepest sympathy to Donna's family. I was in choir with Donna and she had a beautiful voice. My wedding was just one of many that Donna sang at. She will be missed.*

Karen ThurstonStephens - February 12, 2025 at 08:54 PM



“ *My dearest Sympathy go out to Donna's family, may the dear lord give them comfort at this time of need.*

Chip Thurston - February 12, 2025 at 08:03 PM

JE

“ *Jean Etzel lit a candle in memory of Donna Mary Witheft*



jean etzel - February 12, 2025 at 06:55 PM

KB

*So sorry for your loss. We had many good times with your mom and dad. Blessings - Wayne & Kathy Berger*

kathy berger - February 12, 2025 at 10:16 PM