



Venita "Kay" Donovan

October 17, 1948 - August 13, 2021

Venita "Kay" Donovan, age 72, of Kankakee, passed away Friday, August 13, 2021 in Chicago.

She was born October 17, 1948 in Kankakee, the daughter of Joseph & Venita Cabit Marek.

Kay married Cliff Donovan on September 3, 1966 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kankakee.

Kay worked for Gerard Schrementi as a bookkeeper for more than 20 years. She also founded Kay's Krafts where she made all kinds of woodwork crafts attending craft shows for years. Later she made homemade magnets that she donated to military and first responders.

Surviving are her husband of nearly 55 years, Cliff Donovan of Kankakee; two sons, Darrell & Shirley Donovan of Orland Hills and Johnathan Donovan & Kelly Stadter of Lockport; two grandchildren, Branden Donovan and Mason Donovan; eleven siblings, Judy Pollack, Joseph & Faye Marek, Patricia & Dave Smith, Edward & Karen Marek, Barbara Ward, Cathy Burk, Donna & Jim Cannon, Stanley "Buddy" & Paula Marek, Rose & Mark Moreland, Marie Marek & Kathy Ashcraft, and Brian Marek; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Kay is preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Michelangelo Marek and Thomas Marek.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until the 7:00 p.m. funeral service on Friday, August 20, 2021 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the services.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Venita "Kay" Donovan to support the Cardiac Research and Care Program at the University of Chicago Medicine. Checks may be made payable to the "University of Chicago Medicine" and sent to the following address: University of Chicago Gift Administration and Business Data, Venita "Kay" Donovan Memorial, 5235 S. Harper Court, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60615. Or, you can donate online at: giving.uchicago.edu/venita-donovan or Riverside Ambulatory Infusion Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG **20**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
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Tribute Wall



“ *Venita "Kay" Donovan*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Our family grew up with the Donovan's. They always been good to us. Our prayers goes out to all of you. She will be missed. May god be with you all at this difficult time.*



Karen Naberezny - August 21, 2021 at 10:54 PM



“ *Our prayers and heart goes out to the Donovan family. Kim & Judy Barrie*

Judy Barrie - August 20, 2021 at 09:03 PM



“ *Cliff, sending you an online hug. Many prayers for you and your family. She leaves an empty hole in your heart. May you feel God's love surrounding you in these difficult days. carol ziemer buente*

Carol Buente - August 20, 2021 at 03:42 PM



“ *Sending prayers for comfort, strength, and healing to all my Marek cousins. May God be with you as you travel this difficult path. ❤️❤️*

Dawn Ciorlett Kingston - August 18, 2021 at 05:48 PM

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“ *I was fortunate enough to meet Mrs. Donovan when I worked at the Kankakee County Farm Bureau. I found each visit with her to be a treat. She was a very special lady, and my condolences go to her family. She will be missed by many. May she rest in peace.*

Rose Devine Mitchell - August 18, 2021 at 08:56 AM