



Donna Sue Garner

February 14, 1941 - August 10, 2025

Donna Sue Garner, 84, of Rushville, passed away peacefully Sunday, August 10, 2025, in Norman, Okla., where she had been living with her niece.

Born on February 14, 1941, in Greensburg, Donna was the daughter of Loren and Hazel (Robertson) Garner. She graduated from Greensburg High School in 1959, earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Hanover College in 1963, and later received her Master's in Education from Purdue University.

Donna moved to Rushville in 1963 to begin her teaching career. She devoted nearly four decades to the students at Rush County Middle School, primarily teaching math until her retirement in 2001. She was a longtime member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir, and was involved in numerous organizations, including the International Order of the Rainbow Girls, the Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Psi Iota Xi, Delta Kappa Gamma and Alpha Omicron Pi Sororities. Music was a life-long joy for Donna, she played both flute and piano, and sang in the Rush County Community Choir. Donna also loved traveling and cherished trips to Walt Disney World.

Donna will be missed by her family: two nieces, Candace Southard of Norman, and Melinda Garner of Atlanta, Ga.; a nephew, John (Melissa) Garner of Fort Wayne; and Shirley Jones of Rushville. She also leaves behind a host of great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, as well as many cherished friends and colleagues. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Robert Garner, and her sister Doris Gibbons.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, August 16, 2025, in Moster Mortuary, Rushville, with Pastor Lonny Goen officiating. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 11 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday. Burial will be in East Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rush County Community Foundation.

Cemetery Details

East Hill Cemetery

746-740 IN-44
Rushville, IN 46173

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN

Service

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
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Rushville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Service for Donna*



Moster Mortuary - August 18, 2025 at 09:21 AM

TF

“ *The Wally Pletcher Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donna Sue Garner.*



The Wally Pletcher Family - August 14, 2025 at 06:05 PM

SG

“ *Scott Gorman lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Garner*



Scott Gorman - August 14, 2025 at 03:54 AM

SG

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Ms. Garner. God said there were Angels among us....once again, here is proof He did not lie, yes, a true Angel without wings. Many prayers for Ms. Jones during this period of loss. May God's mighty hands of understanding be placed upon this earth.*

Scott Gorman - August 14, 2025 at 03:53 AM

KH

“ *Kathy Richardson Hill lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Garner*



Kathy Richardson Hill - August 13, 2025 at 09:50 PM

RD

“ *Roger Dice lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Garner*



Roger Dice - August 13, 2025 at 09:30 PM

RD

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and close friends. She will be missed by many. John Gridley and I sure gave her fits back in the days of Jr. High.... Now as we all age and leave this world albeit too soon, all I can say is, "sure miss those days as we miss them".*

Roger Dice - August 13, 2025 at 09:28 PM

CB

“ *Cheryl Bauer lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Garner*



Cheryl Bauer - August 13, 2025 at 07:59 PM

CB

“ Donna was my Aunt Shirley’s dearest friend for over 60 years, so she became an honorary Aunt to me. She was always kind and loving to our family, I was able to visit with her in her last days. She will truly be missed, but she will be with many angels in heaven. Love and miss you❤️

Cheryl Bauer - August 13, 2025 at 07:56 PM

CS

“ Cindy Vandeventer Sever sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna Sue Garner



Cindy Vandeventer Sever - August 13, 2025 at 12:24 PM

FW

“ Miss Gardner was a very treasured and favorite teacher in my middle school years. She was a very kind loving attentive teacher and always made you feel welcome in her class. She will be missed

Frances Sorrell Wilder - August 13, 2025 at 10:37 AM

PM

“ Donna was such a lovely lady. Quick with a kind word and always interested in her former students’ lives. I enjoyed visiting with her at church and was always amazed at her ability to recall her former students’ names with incredible accuracy. I am sure she is enjoying her place in heaven and singing beautifully with the angels.

Penny Marlatt - August 13, 2025 at 07:34 AM

JB

“ I will always be grateful for the kindness she showed me in Jr. High. She helped me with math, but more importantly, she helped me with life during a time when things were rough at home. I will never forget that!



Janet Safewright Bolan - August 12, 2025 at 11:53 PM

CO

I loved this woman. Not only a great teacher, but a supportive, compassionate and beautiful lady. Always smiling, helpful, kind and never too busy to listen. Rest in peace, Miss Garner. You made the world a better place by encouraging your students and friends. ❤️

Carol Hartzler Osterburg - August 13, 2025 at 02:46 PM

PH

“ Peggy Howard lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Garner



Peggy Howard - August 12, 2025 at 10:00 PM

LS

“ Donna was a great educator and a great person.

lynne smith - August 12, 2025 at 08:25 PM

BR

“ She was one of my favorite teachers in junior high. She will be missed. My condolences to Miss Jones and the rest of her family.

Babbett Ruby - August 12, 2025 at 08:04 PM

DS

“ *Miss Garner was not only a good teacher, but she was an all-around good person who will be missed very much by many. I so enjoyed talking with her even after I graduated high school and when she would come in to the Park Restaurant. I could sit and talk to her and Miss Jones all day. Just lovely lovely people.*



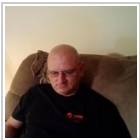
Darlene Supinger Sullivan - August 12, 2025 at 06:55 PM

KB

“ *Kris Buslach lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Garner*



Kris Buslach - August 12, 2025 at 06:13 PM



“ *Jim Walker lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Garner*



Jim Walker - August 12, 2025 at 05:39 PM

BC

“ *Beth Clifton lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Garner*



Beth Clifton - August 12, 2025 at 04:04 PM

BC

I'm so sad to hear this. Ms Garner was my math teacher in 7th grade, always so kind.

Beth Clifton - August 12, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ Ms. Garner was my math teacher in 8th grade; the year Benjamin Rush Jr. High opened. She was a great teacher; one of my favorites!

Kelly Benson - August 12, 2025 at 03:26 PM

JP

“ She was always a fixture of common sense and calm during my time with the Rushville Lady Lions b-ball team. Loved being around her and Ms. jones. ❤️🙏

Julie Pappas - August 12, 2025 at 03:03 PM

AH

“ Super sweet lady and great teacher. RIH



Amy Hornaday - August 12, 2025 at 01:47 PM

TC

“ Our favorite memories we at Girl Scout Day Camp. Lots of great times had by all. Our sympathy goes out to family and friends. Peace I Ask of thee, O River...may Donna rest in peace.



Teresa Schneider Clark - August 12, 2025 at 01:22 PM

TC

“ Teresa C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Sue Garner.

Teresa C. - August 12, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ Melissa Becraft lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Garner



Melissa Becraft - August 12, 2025 at 11:12 AM

HG

“ I didn't know Donna that well but my uncle Kevin had her for a teacher back in the 70s. We are saddened by this loss. Prayers for comfort going out to her family



Heather Gettinger - August 12, 2025 at 10:37 AM

PS

She was a excellent teacher. Very friendly.

Polly Beckner Sturgeon - August 12, 2025 at 11:06 AM

NS

“ Niki Sams lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Garner



Niki Sams - August 12, 2025 at 10:27 AM

BA

“ *Bill Alsman lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Garner*



Bill Alsman - August 12, 2025 at 10:04 AM

PG

“ *Penny Goins lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Garner*



Penny Goins - August 12, 2025 at 09:54 AM

DC

“ *Ed&Debbie Jo Carlton*



debbie jo carlton - August 12, 2025 at 09:16 AM