



Donna Bendle

May 14, 1932 - March 17, 2015

Donna Bendle, 82, of Amsterdam passed away early Tuesday morning March 17, 2015 at her daughter's home in Hilliard, Ohio.

A daughter of the late William and Violet Jones Griffiths, she was born May 14, 1932 in Amsterdam, Ohio.

She was a proud and devoted mother of six sons and five daughters. She is survived by John R. Bendle of Richmond, Bill Bendle of Nevada, Kevin (Christy) Bendle of East Springfield, Spencer Bendle of Amsterdam, Mitchell Bendle of New Concord, Nick Bendle of Thornville, Debbie (Dave) Grimm of Texas, Bunny (Rob) Rucki of Killbuck, Marsha Bendle (Rick Stevens) of Hilliard; 29 Grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; and her lovable furry companions Pixie, Misty, Sammy, and Bubba.

Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, John H. Bendle; two daughters, Holly Bendle and Cindy Croskey; grandson, Nick Rucki; and fiancé, Leonard Gregor.

Donna enjoyed her customers and co-workers during the many years she worked as a dining room manager at Damon's and the Holiday Inn of Steubenville. She was known to be an avid sports enthusiast and was a fixture at the football fields and ball diamonds. She especially enjoyed

watching her children and grandchildren compete and coach on the playing fields.

As you traveled route 43 north of Amsterdam, her home was a beacon of color each and every holiday. She loved working in her yard and landscaping. She took pride both in her family and her home. She will be missed most of all for her forthright nature and wit.

To put it in Donna's own words, "I'd loved to have lived longer but, it was a great ride." We're going to miss you Mom.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 20, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in Dodds Funeral Home of Amsterdam. Burial will follow in Bergholz Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Bergholz Cemetery

Township Highway 276
Bergholz, OH 43908

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Dodds Funeral Home -Amsterdam
207 S Main Street
Amsterdam, OH 43903
(740) 543-3555
<https://www.doddsfuneralhomes.com/>

Service

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ Dear Marsha and Bendle family, I am sorry to learn of your Mom's passing and send my sympathy and prayers to all of you. Marsha, it has been a long time...I have the best memories of our friendship; seems like yesterday in many ways. Your Mom and Dad raised a beautiful, big family and I am sure they were very proud. I am so glad that we were neighbors and great friends growing up...went through many changes and fun-filled experiences together! Hope you and your family are all well. Hopefully we can stay in touch, so much to catch up on. Love, Julie

Julie A. Sipula - March 24, 2015 at 01:53 PM

MW

“ Dear Bendle family, I learned too late of your mother's passing. I'm sorry I didn't get to the funeral home to see each of you. My memory takes me back to when Joe and I lived next door and the awesome times we had with your Mother and Dad. We got to know seven of you that were there at that time (Joe loved being your playmate) and then we learned to know and love the rest of you as you came along. Mom was a special lady and we shared some wonderful times together. We shared a lot of laughs and some tears along the way. Please know I have many fond memories of Mom and all of you and I hold you all in my heart as you go through these days of sorrow. Let God and your precious memories of Mom ease your pain and carry you though it all, she would want you to. My love, sympathy and prayers. Mary K. Webb

Mary K Webb - March 21, 2015 at 08:30 AM

BR

“ Dear Bendle Family, So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing, I can't get to the funeral home but I wanted you to know I'm thinking and praying for you all. She was a special, special person and I thought the world of her. I know she was very proud of all of you. I look at that picture and just waiting for her to say something. I know it's hard to lose your mother, but together you guys will be just fine. Sincerely, Doc and Betty [Reda] Holliday.

Betty Reda - March 19, 2015 at 11:18 AM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Donna Bendle.



March 19, 2015 at 10:25 AM

DF

“ Donna was an important person to me as I was growing up and going through high school and college and in my twenties. I really enjoyed talking to her, because she made you feel like she was always excited to see you, and interested in what you had to say or thought. She gave me good advice on a lot of topics, that I think about often. I always admired her commitment to her kids and grandkids, whom she loved fiercely and enjoyed fully. She was an old-school style parent, who wasn't afraid to tell you what you needed to know to get you back on track, and was so proud of you and happy for you as well. She was a special blessing in my life. Very sad to hear of her passing.

Dale Anne Featheringham - March 19, 2015 at 10:11 AM

MS

“ Donna and I played cards together. She was always a stickler about the rules. As she would say, " The Book of Hoyle" says...those words will remain with me every time I play cards. She always greeted me with a hug. She would smile and say "I have a joke", which could be naughty at times. She told stories about everything. I got to know and love your Mom/Grandma these past few years and will never forget her appreciation of life. Thanks for the memories!
♥ Michelle Slates

Michelle Slates - March 19, 2015 at 08:19 AM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Donna Bendle.



March 19, 2015 at 07:33 AM



“ Footprints Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Donna Bendle.



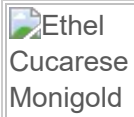
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“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Donna Bendle.



March 18, 2015 at 05:27 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Bendle family. Rest in God's arms, Donna.*

Ethel Cucarese Monigold - March 18, 2015 at 10:39 AM

PS

“ *I recently learned of Donna Bendle's illness through my Long time Best Friend Nick Bendle. I decided to visit her to provide whatever comfort I could. I found her sitting on her daughter Marsha's couch waiting to talk. We spoke for an hour sharing memories of when Nick & I were young and the the guidance she provided us. We laughed alot! Before I left she hugged me and told me that I was a good Boy. Always a Mother! It turns out that even with her struggles she made Me feel better. It was the best evening of my year.*
Mrs. Bendle (Mom)
I will miss You.
Pietro Sinicropi

Pietro Sinicropi - March 18, 2015 at 04:51 AM

GJ

“ *Gregory, Bekah, Whitney, Hannah, and John. purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Donna Bendle.*



Gregory, Bekah, Whitney, Hannah, and John. - March 17, 2015 at 06:55 PM