



## Donna Jean Ruder

June 25, 1936 - August 11, 2023

Donna Jean (Ferden) Ruder, 87, of Herscher, peacefully passed away on Friday, August 11, 2023 at Courtyard Estates surrounded by family.

She was born on June 25, 1936, the daughter of Leroy and Elvera (Schlaich) Ferden.

Donna is survived by her four sons, Stephen (Jennifer Omann) Ruder, Stanley Ruder, Scott (Leslie) Ruder, Shawn Ruder; two daughters, Sheila (Mark) Carter, Cheryl (Len) Winnicki; four sisters, Lois Brenneisen, Beverly Dayhoff, Nancy St. Pierre, Charlene Hoskins; bother-in-law, Doug Plasters; two grandchildren, Travis (Kait) Winnicki, Rob Winnicki.

She is preceded in death by her sister, Janice Plasters; son-in-law, Joe Marcotte; brothers-in-law, Roger St. Pierre, Fritz Brenneisen; nephews, David Brenneisen, and Grant Turner.

Visitation will be held Friday, August 18, 2023, from 9:00am to 10:30am at St. Margaret Mary Church in Herscher until the funeral mass at 10:30 am officiated by Fr. Ron Neitzke. Burial will immediately follow at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Herscher.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care and St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

Jensen Funeral Home of Kankakee is handling the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **18**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
207 E 5th Street  
Herscher, IL 60941

## Mass

AUG **18**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
207 E 5th Street  
Herscher, IL 60941

## Burial

AUG **18** (CT)

Saints Peter and Paul  
Herscher, IL 60941

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Jean Ruder*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Donna's family and friends. We only had the pleasure of knowing this fine lady a few years after we moved in next door. She was a strong woman who spoke her mind as well as a kind compassionate woman. She will be greatly missed.*

*Johnny & Jean Holt*

**Johnny & Jean Holt** - August 18, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Ruder.*



August 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Sending my sincere sympathy to Stan and family. I want to say that Donna Jean sure raised a wonderful son in Stan. He is one of my favorite people on Earth. Sending you all my love. Laura Duet*

**Laura Duet** - August 15, 2023 at 04:27 PM

SD

“ *Sandy (Emling) Dion lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Ruder*



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**Sandy (Emling) Dion** - August 15, 2023 at 04:07 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Bydalek lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Ruder*



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**Gloria Bydalek** - August 15, 2023 at 12:34 PM

GB

*Have known you for many years from when went to school with Charlene and your working at Baker and Taylor in Herscher. Came from loving family I send my sympathy to all of them*

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**Gloria Bydalek** - August 15, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Ruder.*



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August 15, 2023 at 11:03 AM

PN

“ *Phyllis Nemitz lit a candle in memory of  
Donna Jean Ruder*



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**Phyllis Nemitz** - August 15, 2023 at 10:42 AM

JF

“ *Your family has our sympathy at this difficult time*

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**Joe Carol Fritz** - August 15, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family  
of Donna Jean Ruder.*



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August 15, 2023 at 07:38 AM

ST

“ *Sending prayers to the family!  
I had the pleasure of working with Donna many years ago. Very  
fond memories of days gone by! Thinking of you all!  
Susan Trobaugh*

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**Susan Trobaugh** - August 14, 2023 at 05:37 PM