



Donna Lee Tuttle

July 10, 1936 - March 14, 2014

Donna L. Tuttle, age 77 of Terril, IA and formerly of Truman, MN passed away peacefully Friday, March 14, 2014. She was born, July 10, 1936 in Milaca, MN to Blanche (Simon) and Theodore Long. She later moved to Truman, MN and graduated from Truman High School in 1954. Donna was united in marriage to Billy D. Tuttle on September 2, 1956 and lived in Estherville, IA. In 1968 they settled and made their home in Terril, IA.

Donna was a true patriot of this country, her community and her family. In 1973 she became the local Den Leader, Committee Member and Cub Master for the Cub Scout Pack 165 and helped shape the young men of Terril, IA for 10 years. Donna became a dispatcher for the Dickenson County Law Enforcement Center in Spirit Lake, IA in 1973 until her retirement in 1999. Many will recall hearing her voice within the county late in the evening and into the morning on the police scanners.

In her spare time Donna enjoyed bowling, playing bingo, annual trips to Vegas with friends and family and most recently "coffee with the girls" in Spirit Lake, IA at the local diners. Donna is survived by her four children, Daniel of Brighton, CO; Brenda of Round Lake, MN; Billy of Terril and Netti and her husband, Darren of Gloucester, VA; Sister Jean of Simi Valley, CA; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Billy D. Tuttle (2000) and brother.

A service celebrating Donna's Life will be held at 2:00pm Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the United Methodist Church in Estherville, IA. A reception and

visitation of friends and loved ones will immediately follow at the church fellowship hall.

Tribute Wall

RC

“ I am so shocked to see this. My Husband Marv was a Jailer and just loved Donna. Me too. I have never met a person that could remember birthdays like she did. She never missed sending a birthday and Christmas card to Marv and I. She was a gem.

Rita Childers - April 03, 2014 at 12:30 AM

MS

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the Tuttle Family. Donna trained me as a dispatcher in Dickinson County and she followed me on the third shift a couple of summers. I've never seen someone come to work so lively at 11 o'clock at night. I enjoyed her company so much that after I briefed her and turned the radios over to her, I would often stay and talk. Besides talking about dispatching, she would always tell about what all of you were doing. I could always tell she loved every one of you and I know her passing will leave a hole in your hearts. 10-7 Donna

Marsha Smeltzer - March 26, 2014 at 10:40 AM

PA

“ Breanda, Nettie, Billy an family I am so sadden to hear of Donna passing. I have been down this road just a few months ago. Your Mom an I became friends through the Terril post office which grew to outings with Julie Theisen in summer time to find crab legs. Which I might add I never new someone could eat that many in one setting 😊. Your mom always remembered me on my birthday with a funny card. She always had a smile an a kind word to say with a hug. She was a beautiful pillar in the community an truly be missed by many. God Bless You All

pam alvestad - March 25, 2014 at 09:59 PM

PA

“ *Donna Lee Tuttle*

pam alvestad - March 25, 2014 at 09:48 PM

DO

“ *Netti and family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. We continue to lift you up in prayer as you go through this difficult time. We love you!

David and Amy O'Neil - March 25, 2014 at 07:39 AM

JC

“ *Netti and family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. I know your mom is smiling from heaven as we speak. We were blessed to have met her a couple times and she was so joyful and had such an angelic smile:) much love and hugs!!!*

Jessica and Jason Carter - March 24, 2014 at 10:17 PM

KK

“ *Brenda and Boys-,So sorry to see that you mother and grandmother passed away. Prayers to you and the rest of the family.*

Kevin T. Kuehl - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 PM

DW

“ *My Sympathy to Donna's family. I ran into her & Brenda at the airport as she was leaving to visit Netti, she still had that great laugh and sparkle in her eye. Still remember her and the other dispatchers calling my sons "Keepers" when they were born. RIP Donna, you will not be forgotten but certainly missed.*

Deb Wilcox - March 24, 2014 at 01:53 AM

SR

“ *Brenda, Nettie and Familysending our thoughts to you at this difficult time. Your mom was a special person in everything she did. Hang onto your memories. Susan and Dean Reiser*

Susan and Dean Reiser - March 23, 2014 at 10:17 PM

AF

“ *Thoughts and prayers to your family at this difficult time. Donna will be missed by so many.*

Amy Ness and Family - March 23, 2014 at 04:54 PM

GC

“ *It was a great pleasure getting to know Donna. She always had a great big welcome for all she met. I always knew it was going to be biscuits and gravy when her and her friends came into Keglers. Donna will be greatly missed. RIP great lady.*

Gloria Christenson - March 23, 2014 at 09:50 AM

CJ

“ *Billy and Family, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. She was kind, wonderful person and will be deeply missed. Curt and I are thankful we got to meet your wonderful mom. Thoughts and Prayers are with you all.*

Curt and Jane - March 22, 2014 at 06:03 PM

JT

“ *Rest in peace my dear friend and neighbor, "Chickie Pooh". We are missing you at breakfast at the Diner. No more road trips at midnight or during a blizzard. I miss your laugh and your stories. Prayers to Bren, Netti, Billy, and Dan! Love you guys! "Chickie Butt"!!!*

Julie Thiesen - March 22, 2014 at 04:17 PM

SM

“ Brenda and family, I'm so sorry to hear this...I am going to miss your Mom. I really enjoyed our talks, laughing and joking. She had a great sense of humor.

Sheryl McKeivitt - March 22, 2014 at 07:41 AM

SS

“ My sympathy goes out to you on the loss of your mother. She was a sweet and gentle soul. When I heard her voice come over the scanner I knew I was safe and Dickinson Co. Was in good hands. May God's love be with you in your hour of loss. Steve Stanford
Uncertain, Texas

Steve Stanforxd - March 22, 2014 at 06:23 AM

RO

“ I remember sitting at the Spirit Lake Police station and having her time my labor contractions while my husband finished his police shift. She was a wonderful person and she sure loved to gamble with scratch tickets. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Roxane - March 21, 2014 at 05:38 PM