



Donna Elaine Hill

July 2, 1935 - March 4, 2026

Donna Elaine Hill, age 90, passed away at 3:20 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at Charter Senior Living in Godfrey. She was born on July 2, 1935, in Alton, the daughter of Clarence Arthur and Ursula Ardella (Schnebelen) Heyne. On January 7, 1956, she was united in marriage to Jack Lee Hill in Toledo, OH; he survives. They marked their 70th wedding anniversary this past January 7th.

Mrs. Hill dedicated 24 years to her career as a self-employed cosmetologist before retiring in 2005. Her early work experience included employment at Vogue in downtown Alton during her teenage years, as well as part-time work while raising her children. She later served as a designer at Gilbert's Ethan Allen in Alton, where she was notable for her distinctive habit of "smoking a pipe." Mrs. Hill was a devoted member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. She is survived by her husband, Jack Hill of Alton, her sons Perry (Jeanne) Hill of Godfrey and Steven (Pamela) Hill of Alton, and her daughter Carla (Jeffrey) Bland of Godfrey. Mrs. Hill is also survived by four grandchildren: Erin (Dane) Beiser, Corby (Joe) Young, Tyler (Ashley) Hill, and Stephanie (Adam) King; as well as nine great-grandchildren: Noelle, Claire, Heidi, Emmy, Jack, Maisie, Andy, Lucy, and Kate. Additionally, she is survived by her brother Richard (Elaine) Heyne of Toledo, OH, along with numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Rita Schrupf.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 20, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Gent

Funeral Home in Alton, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m.

A private interment for family will be held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Alton. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to Marquette Catholic High School or St. Mary's Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Additional details and an online guestbook can be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
4th and Henry Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Elaine Hill.*



March 17 at 11:11 PM



“ *Abigail S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Elaine Hill.*

Abigail S. - March 17 at 07:40 PM



“ *Jack, Perry, Steve, and Carla I'm so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. I spent a lot of time at your home back in the day. Nothing but found memories of Mrs. Hill*

John Brinkman - March 17 at 02:02 PM

JP

“ I was saddened to hear about the passing of Donna. She lived a long and meaningful life, and I know how deeply she was loved by all. She was one of my mother’s dearest lifelong friends. She was also my godmother, and over the years we always shared a special connection. I will always remember her warmth and kindness, and I feel grateful to have had her in my life.

Please know I’m thinking of your family and sending my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time.



Joy Williams Phillippi - March 13 at 11:35 AM

BW

“ Brett, Ann, Leo, and Brooks Wilson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donna Elaine Hill.



Brett, Ann, Leo, and Brooks Wilson - March 13 at 10:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donna Elaine Hill.



March 11 at 07:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Elaine Hill.*



March 10 at 12:42 PM



“ *Carla, Jeff and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you. Please let us know if we can do anything to help.*

Sally Ann Hansen - March 07 at 11:51 AM