



## Madonna Sue Hilligoss

February 6, 1944 - August 11, 2017

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Madonna Sue (Barr) Hilligoss, 73, died at 2:58 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2017 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. She was born February 6, 1944 in Mattoon, IL the daughter of the late Hubert and Iva (White) Barr. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield, IL. Mrs. Hilligoss was secretary for Illinois State Senator Robert Mitchler and Legislative aid for speaker of the house, Robert Blair. She also was Administrative Assistant for the director of Illinois Fire commission. Later in life she was a partner with her husband who owned Browns Chicken Restaurant and later The Shoe Factory, she also worked at Dillard's Department Store as a Sales Associate and retired as a teacher's aid from the Alton School District. She had a great love of pets and enjoyed rescuing them. On February 26, 1965 in Springfield, IL she married Robert Hilligoss and he survives. Also surviving are two sons; Kevin Hilligoss (Michelle) of Alton and Ryan Hilligoss (Kimberly) of Cortland, IL, four grandchildren; Graham Hilligoss and Aurora Hilligoss of Cortland, IL and Audrey Hilligoss and Annalynn Hilligoss of Godfrey, one sister; Glenda Wikoff (Forest Wikoff) of Decatur, IL. She was preceded in death by one son, Sean Hilligoss. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton with Jay McCurdy officiating. Burial will be private. Memorials may be made to [www.MichaelJFox.org](http://www.MichaelJFox.org) or [Lightofday.org](http://Lightofday.org) or 5 A's Animal Shelter. Additional

information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 19. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Madonna Sue Hilligoss*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Madonna Sue Hilligoss*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Anything for You was purchased for the family of Madonna Sue Hilligoss.*



August 18, 2017 at 11:03 PM



“ *Bob, Kevin and Ryan, I'm so sorry for your loss. I think of Donna quite often when I get my hair cut. She used to give me a lot of guff back in the Brown's Chicken days about my long hair. Now I get a buzz cut. She will be missed by many. Scott Bartels*

**Scott Bartels** - August 18, 2017 at 04:41 PM



“ *YOU WERE NOT ONLY SMART, SWEET AND GOOD LOOKING. PRAYING FOR YOU. MAYBE WE WILL MEET AGAIN SOMEDAY. LOVE YA, LIFEGUARD MICK*

**mick** - August 17, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Madonna Sue Hilligoss.*



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August 17, 2017 at 12:09 PM



“ *Dear Bob and Family:*

*We were so sorry to read about your loss of Donna. Half of you has been torn away by death. We are grieving with you as old friends do. May Donna rest in peace and that peace come to you and all the family also.*

*Love, Steve and Connie Shrader*

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**Connie Shrader** - August 17, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ *Our sympathies are extended to Donna's husband and family.*

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**Dan Beto** - August 17, 2017 at 12:16 AM



“ *Donna will be missed by many! We always looked forward to having dinner with her in Rancho Mirage, CA when she came to see her sister and husband-Glenda and Forest- Will always be in our hearts each time we hear her favorite singer, Jackie Evoncho---a special place in our memories of Donna.*

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**Barbara Romano** - August 16, 2017 at 10:09 AM

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“ *Matt and Vicki McWane purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Madonna Sue Hilligoss.*



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**Matt and Vicki McWane** - August 15, 2017 at 05:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Madonna Sue Hilligoss.*



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August 15, 2017 at 03:15 PM