



## Donna Lou Headley

January 13, 1938 - September 10, 2025

Donna Lou Headley, 87, of East Peoria, Illinois passed away on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home.

She was born on January 13, 1938 in Peoria to Donald and Lela (Clinebell) Dawson.

She married James "Jim" Headley on July 14, 1979 in Peoria. He survives. Donna is also survived by her children; Phillip (Lea Ann) Zerwer, David A. (Juli) Zerwer, Gary Zerwer, Laura Barth, Thomas (Shelly) Cantrall, Debbie (Jim) McCormick, Lisa Headley and Steven (Tammy) Headley; 33 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Steven Zerwer, daughter Patty Fleming, and siblings, Eleanor Rosenak, Bob Dawson and Joyce Thomison.

Donna was a kind and caring person who always put others first. She loved fishing, playing the slot machines, and going to garage sales. Family was everything to her, and she never forgot a birthday or anniversary, everyone could count on receiving a card. She will be remembered for her nurturing heart and the love she shared with family and friends.

Per her wishes, private family services will be held.

Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services in Peoria is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmidthaller.com](http://www.schmidthaller.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Lou Headley.

September 15, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donna Lou Headley.



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“ Donna and I went to high school together, went to football games together and just had a good time. We both married had our first babies around the same time and spent many Saturday nights playing cards together. We lost touch for many years but got together a few years back and she was still the same sweet Donna. I will always have sweet memories, loving memories of this special lady.

Virginia Gardner - September 13, 2025 at 09:31 AM



Kim and Family  
I was sorry to hear about Donna Lou. It's been awhile since we visited. Always enjoyed the times we shared. My husband, Clayton was her cousin. He passed in May. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Hope to visit again soon. Mary Bontz

Mary Bontz - September 13, 2025 at 09:54 PM