



## Donna Darlene Ricca

May 31, 1928 - April 1, 2026

Donna Darlene Ricca, 98, of Bartonville, IL, spoke often of the angels that were assigned to her, and they took her to meet her Savior on April 1, 2026.

Donna was born on March 31, 1928, to Aaron and Ocal (Collins) Burk in Decatur, IL. She married Thomas Ricca on August 7, 1948, and spent many years together until his passing in 2004.

She was a quiet, unassuming woman to those who did not know her well, but to the ones who had the pleasure of really knowing her, she was a little firecracker with a great sense of humor and quick wit. She raised five boys with the help of the occasional wooden spoon and threats, the most serious of which was “Just wait ‘till your father gets home!” But she was always there for her boys, and they knew that she loved them.

She showed her independent streak by living on her own until a week before she died, with some help from her loving sons. She was a voracious reader, having read so many books that she had to write their titles down to keep track. She loved word puzzles, watching the goings-on of the neighborhood, and keeping up with the lives of her family and friends. She prided herself on being able to make do and was successful throughout her life at making much out of little. Though her faith in God had always had a place in her life, it had especially flourished in the last several years and she spoke often of God’s

love and care for her.

Donna is survived by her sons, Leslie (Sonia) Ricca, Philip Ricca, and Russell Ricca; her grandchildren; her great grandchildren; and many extended family members.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Thomas; her sons, Steven Ricca in 2010 and David Ricca in 2020; her brother, Neil Burk; and her sister, Lila Myers.

A graveside service at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria, IL will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions in honor of Donna can be made to a charity of your choice.

Condolences and memories may be shared through [SchmidtHaller.com](http://SchmidtHaller.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Events

**Details are pending.**