



## Donna Rose Arnson

April 11, 1952 - January 3, 2021

Donna Rose Arnson (nee Miller) was born April 11, 1952, in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, and died on January 3, 2021, in Birmingham, Alabama. She is survived by her son, Gunner, her daughter, Katie Rose, son-in-law, Marty, and grandson, Lubo. She is also survived by her sister, Mary Lu, and brothers, Daniel and Richard. She was preceded in death by her father, John, and her mother, Angela Rose, and her brothers, Johnny, Tommy, and Bill.

Donna grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, the sixth born of seven children. After graduating high school, she attended Western Michigan University and later graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where she obtained her degree in nursing. As a registered nurse, she was incredibly passionate about helping others and advancing her knowledge in the field of medicine. She began her nursing career in Appleton, Wisconsin, and, after a move to Rochester, New York, continued her work in the cardiac unit.

After giving birth to her son, Gunner, the family moved to Mobile, Alabama, where her daughter, Katie Rose, was born. During her time in Alabama, she grew to love the area, which she would eventually come back to later in life. At an early age, she encouraged a love of music in her young children and promoted that throughout her lifetime. The family moved to Monroe, Louisiana, in 1991, where she transitioned her nursing career from patient care to utilization case management. For three years, they settled in a house on a bayou, but in 1994, the family moved again to Erie, Pennsylvania, where

the children spent their formative years.

After 13 years in Erie, she moved back south to Birmingham, Alabama. Being a devout Catholic, she was drawn to the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) and a job opportunity at UAB Hospital to restart her nursing career after years of being a dedicated mother. She loved her job and coworkers at UAB, where she really felt like she was making a difference. Her work ethic, enthusiasm, and acumen were noticed by all of her colleagues and her loving spirit shined brightly to all. In Birmingham, she found a special spiritual community and, because of her fearless and outgoing personality, she made many friends. She attended mass daily, was a committed adorer of the Holy Eucharist, and strong devotee to the Holy Face of Jesus. Her Catholic identity truly defined her and she was always eager to share the love she found in her faith.

She will be missed immensely and will forever live in our hearts.

To live stream the funeral mass on Tuesday, January 12th, at 11am, please follow this link to Our Lady of Sorrows Church. <http://www.ourladyofsorrows.com/>

There will be another viewing on Saturday, January 16th, in Sterling Heights, Michigan at Wujek-Calcaterra Funeral Home from 10am until her 11am Funeral Service. Here is the link to the funeral home as the viewing and burial will be live streamed. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv2iuG6qnTNXVUUT0oMvBoA> She will be buried in Resurrection Cemetery at 12:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, Gunner and Katie kindly ask that you consider donating to the Donna Arnson Memorial Fund to the Holy Face of Jesus. Thank you and God bless. [https://fundly.com/donna-arnson-memorial-to-the-holy-face-of-jesu](https://fundly.com/donna-arnson-memorial-to-the-holy-face-of-jesus)

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# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM.

Wujek-Calcaterra Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Donna Rose Arnson*



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**Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc.** - January 15, 2021 at 09:13 AM

GP

“ *We will certainly miss Donna. We were her friends Gail and Brandon and were there for her when she needed us. Again we will certainly miss her*

*The Pysers, Gail and Brandon*

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**Gail Pyser** - January 14, 2021 at 09:44 PM

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“ *Andrea & Lubo purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donna Rose Arnson.*



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**Andrea & Lubo** - January 14, 2021 at 05:36 PM

TR

“ *Deepest sympathy and prayers for all of you. Donna spoke so often of her family and of course her love for Jesus. She will be missed by her Birmingham family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Our Lady of Consolation, wrap you in her Mantle.*

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**Teresa Ragusa** - January 11, 2021 at 10:26 PM

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“ *Our prayers and condolences to Donna's family. We will miss her at adult education, Bible Studies, and dinners. My daughters and I admired her enthusiasm for Jesus and for life.*  
*Frances Smith & Family*

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**Frances Smith** - January 11, 2021 at 10:13 PM