



Donna J. Rucker

June 12, 2025

Donna Jane Rucker, 70, of Huntington, passed away peacefully at 7:47 am Thursday, June 12, 2025.

Donna was born on January 18, 1955, in Charleston, WV, the daughter of Ovie Rucker and Maxine (Sands) Rucker. Donna spent her childhood surrounded by her supportive parents and her loving siblings including her twin sister Debra. Donna was a special gift from God.

Anyone who had the privilege of knowing Donna understood what a true blessing she was in this world. Her radiant smile had the power to illuminate any room, and her tender heart served as a living lesson in kindness and the essence of unconditional love. Donna's warmth and compassion were gifts she shared freely, leaving an indelible mark on the lives she touched.

Her sense of humor was nothing short of infectious, capable of transforming an ordinary moment into one filled with laughter and joy. And her hugs and kisses? They were treasures—irresistible expressions of her boundless affection, always heartfelt and genuine. Donna had a creative soul that found its expression in vibrant artwork. Whether she held a crayon or a marker, she poured her imagination and love into every stroke. Music was another of Donna's great loves. She would light up with delight, singing loudly and passionately to her favorite songs, including the timeless melodies of "Jesus

Loves Me" and "Kumbaya.". She enjoyed showcasing her stylish flair with colorful headbands and playful costume jewelry.

One of Donna's most enduring traits was her devotion to nurturing. No matter what the day held, she could always be found cuddling a baby doll, a constant companion that symbolized her innate gift for care and motherhood.

Survivors include her devoted Sister, Kathy M Grimm of Huntington, IN, and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her Father, Ovie Rucker, Jr., Mother, Maxine L. Rucker, Brothers, Danny Lee Rucker, Sr., Ralph "Fred" Rucker, Ricky Short, and Sisters, Marie Gallagher, Debra Jean Eddy.

Visitation will be from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 pm Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Bailey-Love Mortuary. Burial will be in Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials to her sister Kathy Grimm to assist with final arrangements, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Donna Jane Rucker.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
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Service

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Burial

JUN 17 (ET)

Star of Hope Cemetery
2-310 S. 200 E.
IN 46750

Tribute Wall

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“ They would always bring her into Walmart in her wheelchair and she would always say hi Amanda this is so sad sorry for ur loss I will miss her dearly

Amanda Tennant - June 14, 2025 at 05:18 PM

LI

“ I will miss you Aunt Donna ☐☐ rest peacefully. We love you



Lily - June 13, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ My mom missed you everyday, and now you are reunited together in heaven, twins made whole. you had the best smile and you are VERY loved. rest well and give my mom a big kiss and hug please. Rachael, Brian, Paige and Logan Childress

Rach Childress - June 13, 2025 at 04:50 PM