



## Donna J. Cox

March 17, 1935 - July 30, 2014

Donna J. Cox, age 79, a resident of Royal Oak, passed away July 30, 2014 at her home. She was born March 17, 1935 in Detroit to the late Norbert and Dorothy Wagner. Mrs. Cox prided herself in being a wonderful homemaker for her family. She was the beloved wife of Charles Cox; the couple married October 4, 1958 in Detroit; loving mother of Dorothy Keir Yee, Maria Mike Cox-Wiggins and Colette Chris Clark; dear sister of Richard Joyce Wagner, Michael Judy Wagner and Jerry Nancy Wagner; and proud grandmother of Marissa, Mikey and Miranda Wiggins, North and Sage Yee, and Rebecca Clark. The visitation will be Thursday 2-9 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mrs. Cox will lie in state Friday 12 noon until the time of the Mass 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Inurnment will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Memorials to Kids Kicking Cancer [www.kidskickingcancer.org](http://www.kidskickingcancer.org) are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Aunt Donna was always so warm and caring toward me despite the fact that distance prevented much time spent together. She had such a genuine, loving way about her and always made me feel so cared for on the rare occasions I would get to see her. She was clearly such a dear and special person. I can only imagine what each of you are going through, and my heart aches for all of you. Sending love from Illinois.*

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**Catherine Wagner Widuch** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Donna, Chuck, & Family. Donna's passing is truly one of great difficulty. Her smiling face, cute sense of humor, giving nature, accepting and nurturing ways will all be terribly missed. She was our beloved neighbor on N Altadena and a member of our Birthday Girls' Club. What fun we had spending time together at each other's houses celebrating the birthdays of the month. Donna and her family were avid attendees of our annual block parties too, and you could always count on their delicious Sweedish meatballs, which she and Chuck let me take home if there were any leftovers: Over the years, Donna and her family touched my heart in so many ways. They always welcomed my husband Bill, who was quite the character, and I into their home, and we always felt so comfortable when spending time with them. Donna had such a giving spirit. She knew that I was a huge holiday decorator and she invited me to come down one day and pick out whatever surplus decorations she had stored in her garage. It was also so apparent that Chuck, her children, and grandchildren meant the world to her - you could see Donna's face light up whenever she was with them. They shared such a wonderful bond, and you could hear her grandchildren's laughter echo through the neighborhood when they came to visit and swam in grandma and grandpa's pool. It would always smile whenever I saw Chuck working on the "to do list" outside their house as Donna sat there in her lounge chair, doing a little bit of "supervising", while providing motivational support : Donna loved life, and even though she battled many life threatening health issues for the last few years of her life, she fought to stay with her loved ones as long as possible and with the never ending love and devotion of Chuck, they worked as a team to overcome many physical challenges together. Donna was one extraordinary lady and I will always remember her with love.

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**Mel Dillon** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Prayers to you all from Christine, Kayla and I. I'm sorry that I didn't hear of her passing until today. May she rest in peace!

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**Lisa Budd** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Mrs. Cox. You will be dearly missed. I remember growing up on Altadena street and taking your children out for rides in their strollers. As they got older, I remember playing with them in the back room of your home. I remember that when my mother got called for jury duty - you let us come to your house to eat lunch for a whole week and you made really GOOD tomato soup for us! I wish you the very best where ever your journey takes you. May your family find comfort in knowing how loved you were - by so many. God bless you. Janet Shumaker

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**Janet Shumaker** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Prayers go out to all of you. Aunt Donna will always be remembered as a kind, warm, and loving person. Happy childhood memories of the pool parties and walks around your neighborhood. Her sense of humor, smile, and twinkle in her eye are fondly remembered. Sorry to be out of state this week and unable to attend.

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**Chris Olson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My condolences to the Cox family, you have my sympathy for the lost of your dear loved one. God has said that one day soon he is going to end sickness, and death forever. Isaiah 33:24 ; Revelation 21:3,4 Also those who have fallen asleep in death will have a hope for a real future.

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**Ms. Leslie** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Mrs. Cox is the wonderful mom to my sister-in-law Colette. I spent many days and sleepovers at their house, back in high school and Mrs. Cox was just always SO nice! She sure loved her girls and all her grandkids! My brother Chris was so lucky to have such a great mother-in-law. Over the years she continued to ask about my kids and family, she just truly cared about people. I will always remember her smiling and laughing! I wish her family peace in knowing that she's at peace now and my thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Thanks for sharing the beautiful pictures.

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**Cathi Clark Hague** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ What a blessing to have had the pleasure of knowing Donna and being included in her family. A wonderful Mother and Grandmother and a kind, sweet person. May she rest in peace. Prayers for the family.

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**Cindi** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Donna, Donna, Donna you were the best friend. Now we just have all the wonderful memories. May the soul of the faithful departed rest in peace Amen. Peace to the family.

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**The Farabaugh"s** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Chuck and his family. Donna was a wonderful woman and the world is a sadder place without her.

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**Mary Kleiss** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *prayers to the cox family. i have many fond memories of donna. my condolences to you all.*

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**jayne decker** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM