



## Donna M. Ransom

December 7, 2016

Donna M. Ransom, 76 of 4 Brook Terrace, Mason City died peacefully Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at Hospice Inpatient Unit, Mason City.

A gathering of friends and family to share Donna's life will be held from 3:00 to 6:00 pm, Monday, December 12, 2016 at Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd ST. SE, Mason City. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to make donations to the Donna M. Ransom memorial fund. Messages and stories may be shared with the family at [www.Fullertonfh.com](http://www.Fullertonfh.com) or Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhomes. You are invited to Ransom's Cigar Store for a time of fellowship.

LaDonna was born on the 4th of July, 1940, in Mason City, the daughter of William "Bill" and Edna "Tudy" Reese and step daughter of Herb Saunders. She graduated from Mason City High School. She worked at the Bakery in Clear Lake for a short time and then joined her parents in the operation of the Country House Restaurant, where she grew up in the house attached to the business. Later she and her husband took over ownership of the restaurant and sold it in the early 80's. During their time at the Country House they made lifelong friendships they treasured for their entire lives. She then joined her husband in the operation of Ransom's Cigar Store. She left Ransom's to work for Culligan in both Albert Lea and Mason City, and then worked for the Cedar River Harley Davidson until her retirement. She was united in marriage to

Robert C. Ransom on September 15, 1967 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He preceded her in death by 46 days. Donna had a huge heart and was supportive of many families in need in and around Mason City. Donna was always known for her classy personal appearance and her requirement for everyone in her presence to use their best manners. She was a consummate hostess and loved nothing better than to cook for a hundred people when she knew only 15 or 20 would show up. She did this so she could always make sure everyone had leftovers to take home and to deliver to other friends she knew lived alone. Her cookie jar was always full of homemade items, and the kitchen counter always had a pan of brownies or bars which she would offer to everyone who entered her home. She mastered the art of cooking full Greek meals and all the traditional Greek dishes and pastries by learning from the many Greek elders in the neighborhood. She always made more than enough and would fill her freezer with the best of the best. Donna and Bob loved playing golf and cards and would often pack a picnic lunch to go somewhere with friends for fun. When the Cadillac came out everyone knew it was time for a "Road Trip". Often no plans were made, they would just take off, but sometimes the word "Casino" was included in their plans. One of their favorite events to attend was the formal party at the Country Club, where everyone would dress to the 9's with their best formal attire. What a wonderful evening and time spent with friends it was. After working seven days a week their favorite trips were to Las Vegas, up North to different cabins and to Scottsdale, AZ with friends.

Surviving Donna are her two children Tammy and her husband Scott Davies, and Todd and his wife Sharon Ransom all from Mason City, three grandchildren Joseph Davies, Mason City, Samantha Davies, Pocahontas, IA; and Jon Ransom, Mason City, and two great grandchildren Isaac and Izabella Davies, and two step-sisters and her beloved companion "Shadow 5".

Her parents step-father Herb, and Husband Bob preceded her in death.

Arrangements by Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City, IA  
50401, 641-423-8676 [www.Fullertonfh.com](http://www.Fullertonfh.com) [Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhomes](https://www.facebook.com/Fullertonfuneralhomes)

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation Services of North Iowa

123 2nd ST. SE  
Mason City, IA 50401  
mail@fullertonfh.com

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

DEC 12. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Fullerton Funeral Home in Mason City  
123 2nd St. SE  
Mason City, IA 50401  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donna M. Ransom*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear loved one, Donna. May Jehovah the God of comfort (Psalms 83:18), strengthen you during this time.*  
*Evie*

**Evie** - December 27, 2016 at 07:33 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Donna, I went to kindergarten with her, the family moved to Green I think...we resumed friendship in jr.high ,Pat McCloud Donna and I had a lot of fun when we were all 16 and stayed close for a couple of years after that.any time I would see her over the years, we would start by saying Do you remember the time we did this, or went there, not really big deals unless your 16 and the world's your oyster...I think of her often and will hold our memories very close. Sincerely yours*  
*Linda Prickett LeDuc*

**Lindalee LeDuc** - December 10, 2016 at 08:34 PM



“ *Was a friend for over 35 yrs...Her and Bob welcomed me to Iowa when i was a kid and always treated me the best....My family always were close and my sister in law Mary Kay Did Donna's hair and were close....Her and Bob are deeply missed not just in Mason City but everywhere!!!!*

**Elaine** - December 10, 2016 at 07:25 PM

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“ Dear Tammy, Todd and Family,  
I'm so very sorry to hear of Donna's passing.  
Bob and Donna were dear friends of my  
parents and I remember spending my early  
years rolling on your living room floor playing  
with your dog. I was able to stop by and visit Donna one afternoon a  
few years ago to have coffee and I'm so glad I did.  
I know Bob loved and worried about Donna much in the last few  
years. I'm sure they're cooking up a storm together now and  
dancing with my parents at a brand new club in the sky. :)  
May all your wonderful memories of your parents replace the pain in  
your hearts sooner than later.  
I'm so sorry.....Betsy (daughter of Keith and Madonna Rozen)



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**Elizabeth Michaels** - December 10, 2016 at 02:14 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Donna M. Ransom



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**James@Fullertonfh.com** - December 09, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donna M. Ransom.



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December 08, 2016 at 05:18 PM