



Mrs. Donna Ruth Schallhorn

June 22, 1938 - August 11, 2021

Mrs. Donna R. Schallhorn
Saginaw Twp., Michigan

A loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, Donna Ruth (Reichard) Schallhorn was called home to her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at the age of 83. Donna was born on June 22, 1938, growing up in Hemlock before raising her family in Saginaw Twp. She married Warren Richard Schallhorn on April 28, 1962, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Hemlock.

Donna was a talented pianist and baker who was utterly devoted to her family, friends, and church. She had resolute faith, rarely complained, and possessed an exceptional ability to see the good in people always. Donna expressed her love for others through baking, something she learned from her own mother. She was known for her breads, cinnamon rolls, and roster of cookies and pies. Later in life, she took on a neighborhood paper route, meticulously learning where each customer preferred their paper placed. But the papers were rarely delivered without some sort of pastry as well. Donna's other passion was church where she was quick to volunteer herself (and her husband) for whatever task was needed. She played in the bell choir at Peace Lutheran Church and piano at Hemlock United Methodist. On any given day, visitors to the Schallhorn home could expect to hear a beautiful piano

rendition of a favorite hymn — often from memory — and would be certain never to leave hungry or empty-handed. While Donna was known for her incomparable kindness, she was also tenacious. She started off as a secretary at an insurance agency right after high school but eventually trained to become an agent, working her way up within the company. And when her mentor Don Johnson retired, she took over the company which ultimately became Schallhorn Insurance Agency. Donna, who had a love for the color purple, was happiest when her whole family was together — whether playing ball in the backyard, eating chicken dinner at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth, or sitting on the porch of the Windermere Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Donna is preceded in death by her husband, Warren, as well as her father, Herman Reichard; mother, Caroline Rueger; siblings, Edward Reichard, Maynard Reichard, and Duke Reichard; and May Johnson, a dear family friend.

She is survived by her beloved children, John (wife Nancy) Schallhorn and Timothy Schallhorn. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Emily, Talen, Jada, and Liam.

Donna's funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. with visitation at 12 p.m. at Hemlock United Methodist Church (406 West Saginaw St., Hemlock, Michigan) on Sunday, August 29, 2021, with the Reverend Robert Richards officiating. Donna's committal service will ensue at Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery, Saginaw Twp. Memorial contributions may be given to Hemlock United Methodist Church or Peace Lutheran Church in her honor.

Those wishing to express their sympathies and memories of Donna may share them with the family on her memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

4700 Brockway Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hemlock United Methodist Church
406 West Saginaw Street
Hemlock, MI 48626

Funeral Service

AUG 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Hemlock United Methodist Church
406 West Saginaw Street
Hemlock, MI 48626

Committal Service

AUG 29. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Donna Ruth Schallhorn*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Mrs. Donna Ruth Schallhorn*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Donna Ruth Schallhorn.*



August 26, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *John and Tim, sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Many great memories of her and your dad. Blessings and prayers to you both.*

David Mammel - August 26, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ *I remember Donna and Warren as a little girl back in Saginaw at Peace But then they would show up at my family's reunions and I could never understand why they were there? It took me years to understand they are my relatives Over the last few years I've enjoyed getting to know them at the reunions Now I have to wait until I get to Heaven to have the best reunion of all*

Michelle Tjernagel Carpenter - August 23, 2021 at 09:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Donna Ruth Schallhorn.*



August 21, 2021 at 05:30 PM



“ *Sending love and prayers to all her friends and family.*

Tara - August 21, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *Sending my deepest sympathies, thoughts, prayers, love and God's peace to you, Tim and the Schallhorn family. love, Bill Wood*



Bill Wood - August 18, 2021 at 04:54 PM



I will always remember Donna's smile and her gracious hospitality. She will be missed!!

sharon larkin - August 20, 2021 at 09:25 PM



We met Donna and her family when Donna was about 11 through St Peter's. I can remember visiting their home that always smelled like a bakery because like the baker Donna was her mother baked every day on the Farm. I can still remember Donna on the piano and Duke on the Accordion playing for us. Like Donna's parents who befriended us, a totally new family who just moved into the area, Donna, also, was the ultimate Christian

Charles Carroll - August 25, 2021 at 09:46 PM