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Donna Mary Witheft
January 1, 1935 - February 12, 2025

Donna Mary Witheft, age 90, lifelong resident of Buckingham, passed away Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Arc of Dwight. She was born on January 1, 1935, in Herscher, the daughter of Frank and Aldea (Kerouac) (daughter of **GFK 02732**) Tobenski. Donna married Merlyn Witheft on November 8, 1953, in Irwin. He preceded her in death on August 24, 2022, after 68 years of marriage. Donna was a secretary for Hendrix-Stoller International, Case IH, and MW Accounting in Kankakee. Donna volunteered for twelve years in the EARL Reading Program for the Herscher School District. She volunteered in the kitchen at Reddick and Herscher Grade Schools. Donna loved listening to music and singing. She was a soloist at church for weddings and funerals. Donna loved animals, particularly cats and birds. Donna's family was of utmost importance to her, especially her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Donna was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher. Surviving are three sons, Kevin (Joyce) Witheft of Kankakee, Keith (Lisa) Witheft of Buckingham, Brian (Robin Foster) Witheft of Kankakee; one daughter, Gloria (Bill) Graham of Chebanse; five grandchildren, Dana Witheft, Ali Szabo, Aidan Witheft, Krista Davis, Kendra Witheft; six great-grandchildren, Evan, Vaida, Natalie, Hunter, Garret, Levi; many nieces and nephews. Donna is preceded in death by her husband, Merlyn; her parents; two brothers, Harold and Floyd Tobenski; one sister, Doreen Cowan. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. funeral service on Monday, February 17, 2025, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher. Burial will follow at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Herscher. Reverend Eric Brown will officiate the service. Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House Charities or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.