



Donna J. Olary

March 14, 1934 - November 23, 2025

Donna Jean Olary, age 91 of Port Huron, passed away in her home of 67 years on November 23, 2025. Donna was born on March 14, 1934, in Huron County. She was the daughter of the late Owen Robert Witherspoon and Alvina Hannah (Pleiness) Witherspoon. She was a 1951 graduate of Port Huron High School, and she married George J. Olary on June 6, 1953. Donna was employed at Michigan Bell Telephone Company, as an operator, while raising her family. Donna enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing, knitting, gardening and camping. She was involved with the PTA, Port Huron Minor Hockey Association and she also opened her home up to several of the Silver Skate Stick players and Port Huron Figure Skating Club.

After her children had grown, Donna returned to work for several local physicians as a medical biller. Upon her retirement, she loved to travel, the United States, including Alaska and traveling to Mexico, Ireland, Spain and the Caribbean.

Donna is survived by her children; James (Bonnie) Olary, Brian (Carol) Olary and Laura Olary, grandchildren; Jennifer (Jeremy), Jessica (Michael), Jaclyn (James), Brian II (Melanie) and Brad, great grandchildren; Haylee, Reagan, Daniel (Rose), James, Brian III, her great- great grandson, Mateo, brother, Larry Owen (Sylvia) Witherspoon, sister, Carol Ann Witherspoon and several nieces and nephews.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, George J. Olary, her parents, and sister, Glenda Hilda (Witherspoon) Jowett.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 12:00pm (noon) in the Jowett Funeral Home - 1634 Lapeer Ave. Port Huron. Minister Shaun Laurain will officiate. The burial will be in Kinney Cemetery. The visiting hours will be Monday, December 1, 2025, in the funeral home from 4:00pm until 7:00pm and again on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, from 11:00am until the time of service at noon. The pallbearers will be Donna's family. Memorial contributions can be made to – Novesta Church of Christ – 2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 Jowett Funeral Home is proud to serve the Olary family.

Cemetery Details

Kinney Cemetery

3345 Vincent Road
Clyde Township, MI 48049

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - Port Huron
1634 Lapeer Ave.
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Tribute Wall

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“ Novesta Mens Bible Study purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Donna J. Olary.



Novesta Mens Bible Study - December 01, 2025 at 10:39 AM

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“ Larry and Sylvia Witherspoon Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Olary.

Larry and Sylvia Witherspoon Family - December 01, 2025 at 07:57 AM

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“ Larry and Sylvia Witherspoon Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donna J. Olary.



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“ curt and carol engel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Olary.

curt and carol engel - November 29, 2025 at 06:22 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna J. Olary.



November 29, 2025 at 06:22 PM



“ There are so many wonderful memories: giving Jim piano lessons in the basement, he and my sister sitting in a chair together to watch TV, helping wipe dishes (but didn't like to do it at home)

Mary Jo Wilson - November 28, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ All us grandkids always had the best time when we went to Grandma and Grandpa's for Christmas Eve and it was in the basement. We got to decorate that tree down there and the tables. I'm so glad my boys got to see the same Santa as all of us did. She made the best rhubarb/strawberry pie, and yummy soups. One year she made all of us these cute dolls that looked like us and would knit us sweaters. 💜💜

Jennifer Krafft - November 26, 2025 at 08:48 PM



“ Deborah J. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Donna J. Olary.



Deborah J. - November 26, 2025 at 07:06 PM