



Donna M. Thompson

March 5, 1936 - March 27, 2026

Donna Mae Thompson, age 90, of Fort Gratiot Twp., passed away peacefully at home on March 27, 2026. She was born on March 5, 1936, in Port Huron to the late Gerald and Elizabeth Harmer.

Donna was the kind of woman who carried a big heart for her family, her friends, and the many “bonus children” she gathered along the way. If she loved you, you felt it. She was always worrying about her kids, always the ear that listened, and always the arms that held you when life felt too heavy.

She never asked for help for herself, even when she needed it. Her 90 years were not always easy, but she faced every chapter with strength and grace. She was, without question, the strongest woman I have ever known.

For many years, she worked as a noon supervisor at Morton Elementary in the early 1970s. Later, she became a manager at the Clock Restaurant in Marysville and at Varty’s Restaurant. In the eighties, she moved to Tucson, Arizona, where she worked for Woolworth before eventually returning to Michigan.

When she came back home, she settled into a cute little house where she formed lifelong friendships with her neighbors, Judy and Connie—friendships that meant the world to her.

Her final years were spent living with her daughter, Deanna, in Fort Gratiot. On her 90th birthday, March 5th, 2026, she blew out her candles and shared her wish with us. She wished for more time — more moments with the people she loved most.

It was a simple wish, spoken softly, but it showed exactly who she was — a mother whose heart always wanted just a little more time with the people she loved.

She is survived by her children; John (Sue) Shirkey, Brian (Diane) Porrett, Don (Dottie) Porrett, and Deanna M. Mueller, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, sister, Beverly Martin, bonus sons, Tim Anglebrandt and Glen Sowinski, along with several close friends and family.

Services will be private.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home – Port Huron

Tribute Wall



“ *When Donna was married to my brother Stan she gave birth to a beautiful baby girl Deanna that blessed my mom with many hours of enjoyment. I have some photos of our family at a family picnic with kids in the pool. A fun memory. Marcia Burgess*

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