



Donna J. Budde

December 7, 1948 - December 13, 2025

Donna Jean Budde, age 77 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, December 13, 2025, at Evercare at University in Edwardsville, IL.

She was born on Tuesday, December 7, 1948, in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of Prosper and Doris (nee Irwin) Soucy.

On Friday, August 29, 1969, she married Anthony Theodore Budde in St. Louis, Missouri, who survives.

Donna was a 1966 graduate of Mercy High School in University City, MO. While at college, she met Tony, her future husband of 56 years. In 1969, she graduated from Jewish Hospital School of Nursing. Following her marriage, she was a nurse at Franklin Hospital in Benton, IL, for 9 years, and had 3 sons, Tony Jr., Chris, and Matt. They moved to Highland in 1979, where she was a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland for 36 years, and had 2 more sons, Tom and Jon. She devoted her life to helping and caring for others, both for her family as a wife, mother, and grandmother, and for the community as a nurse for 46 years. She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church. Donna enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She and her husband loved traveling to visit family all over the country and world. She also enjoyed cooking and gardening.

Survivors include: Husband - Anthony Theodore Budde, Highland, IL; Sons - Anthony T. (Sara) Budde, Jr., Worden, IL, Col. Christopher M. (Cathy) Budde, USAF, Ret., Hampton, VA, Lt. Col. Matthew J. (April) Budde, USAF, Ret., League City, TX, Thomas E. (Ana Liza) Budde, Lompoc, CA, and Jonathan L. Budde, Highland, IL; Grandchildren - Cole Budde, Alexis Budde, Katelynn Budde, Jayden Budde, Hayden Hicks, Zaezn Berg, Brad Porter, Allison Perez, Hannah Chen, Hayden Budde, Ace Budde, Caleb Collins, Nicholas Budde, Mason Budde, Yzabelle Budde, Gunnar Budde, and Cannon Budde; Great Grandchildren - Melanie Perez, Diego Perez, and Emi Chen; Siblings - Linda Lehner, TN, Mary Ann (Terry) Merritt, MO, Prosper Louis (Lisa) Soucy, IL, Laura (Jeff) Kunin, MO, Theodore (Margo) Soucy, MO, Margaret (Robert) Watson, AZ, and Todd Soucy, MO; and many brothers-in-laws, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents - Prosper Louis Soucy and Doris M. Soucy (nee Irwin); father-in-law – Anton P. Budde; mother-in-law – Frances R. Budde (nee Wolters); and a sister - Doris Denise Soucy,

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Sunday, January 4, 2026, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM on Monday, January 5, 2026, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 AM on Monday, January 5, 2026, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
1501 9th Street
P.O. Box 187
Highland, IL 62249
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info@spengel-boulanger.com

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Funeral Mass

JAN 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul Catholic Church
1412 9th St
Highland, IL 62249
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Tribute Wall

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“ Don and Charolette Seifried purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Donna J. Budde.



Don and Charolette Seifried - December 20, 2025 at 10:03 AM

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“ Don and Charolette Seifried planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Budde.

Don and Charolette Seifried - December 20, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna J. Budde.



December 18, 2025 at 11:33 PM

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“ The Watson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Budde.

The Watson Family - December 18, 2025 at 11:33 PM

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“ *My sister Donna was always so kind to me. She was very caring to all of her siblings when we were growing up, especially me 😍. Donna was the first to have children and let me babysit sometimes. I will miss her dearly but know that she is in a better place. Love you Donna. Love to your family ❤️*

Margaret Watson - December 18, 2025 at 12:02 PM