



## Donna Marie Lucas-Holt

June 5, 1932 - May 7, 2025

Donna Marie Lucas-Holt

Age 92, of Franklin, WI, formerly of Butternut, WI, died peacefully in the company of her children on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at Ascension Hospital in Franklin. She was born on June 5, 1932, in Butternut, the daughter of Andrew and Hazel (McInnis) Ketterl. Donna was Valedictorian of her class, graduating from Butternut High School in 1950. On September 29, 1951, she married William J. Lucas, who preceded her in death in 1991. On November 17, 1995, she married Bud Holt, who preceded her in death in 2015.

Donna worked for Wollerman's Plumbing, E.J. Aschenbrenner Insurance Company, Park Falls State Bank, and St. Anthony's School, retiring in 1994. In between jobs, she dedicated 19 years at home to raise and care for her three children.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Christian Mother's Society and held various offices in the organization and worked on many projects. She organized the church cleaning groups and funeral dinner groups working with the ladies for many years. Because of her involvement, she was named Christian Woman of the year several times. While working at the school, she held various offices in the Home and School Association and was active in many projects at the school, including all of their fund-raising activities. For a

time, she was the Athletic Director where she scheduled and organized tournaments and developed a love for basketball, which later in life became a passion for the Milwaukee Bucks. All the students were her second family and she remembered them even though they are now married and have their own children.

Donna volunteered for cancer crusades and did auditing for Northwoods Community Credit Union for a number of years.

Her love of travel took her and her family all over the world and the 50 States. She also chaperoned band students on their various trips.

She was an expert seamstress and loved to sew for her grandchildren and nieces & nephews. They were the love of her life. Donna also sewed her sister's wedding dress and made special baptismal garments and bonnets for her family and friends.

She was a member of the Harmony Homemakers and loved to do crafting and knit sweaters, socks, and mittens.

Donna was a caregiver for many years for her mother, mother-in-law, and two husbands.

Donna attended church at St. Mary's of the Lake in Hales Corners, WI, Immaculate Conception Church in Butternut, WI and St. Anthony's in Park Falls, WI.

She is survived by her children: Thomas (Barbara) Lucas of Avon, OH, Rev. James Lucas of Green Bay, WI and Jean Mathe of Franklin, WI, beloved grandchildren Sarah (Joe) Gibson, Jacob Mathe, and Brian Lucas. Step-daughters, Syndee Jorgensen of Brookfield, WI and Sandra Nedset of New

Berlin, WI. Step-grandchildren: Daniel (Stacey) Nedset, Mark (Krissy) Nedset, and Abbey (George) Pfeifer, and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents (Andrew and Hazel Ketterl), her sister Karen Just, her brother James Ketterl, her two husbands, William Lucas and Bud Holt, and an infant nephew.

A Funeral Mass will be offered at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Park Falls on Friday May 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Shaji Pazhukkathara, Deacon Chet Balls, and Donna's son, Fr. James Lucas, will co-officiate.

Burial will follow at Nola Cemetery in Park Falls.

A visitation will be hosted at the church on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until the hour of the Mass.

Memorials will be dedicated to the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis, WI and St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Park Falls, WI.

A sincere thank you and deepest gratitude is extended to the Third Floor ICU staff at Ascension Health Care, Franklin, WI, for their care and compassion shared during Donna's final days.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family  
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# Cemetery Details

## Nola Cemetery

Park Falls, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony's Catholic Church  
276 5th Ave South  
Park Falls, WI 54552

## Funeral Mass

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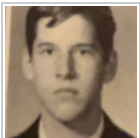
# Tribute Wall



“ I hello this is Jillene Pierce, known as Beanie growing up, my Aunt Donna the most beautiful aunt, a niece could ever have. She made me Barbie doll clothes for my Barbie dolls. She man the best lettuce salad that I could never make still. She was the most caring and I loved her so much. Whenever my sister and brother and I would come to Grandma and Grandpa's, she would always make sure that Tommy not so much Jimmy but he was there and Jeannie but come and visit when we would come and visit, and there was many times that I would just come and stay with them for a weekend. Tom and I are now the elders, gosh I never thought! Jennie has gone now in April, died in your sleep. So it's Jeff and I and our children on what's left on the Ketterl side. In closing I just want to say, I love you all and you're always in my heart and thank God I think, her Facebook, Barb you are special I know in Tom's life but you are also in mind because you keep me in touch with all you do with your family. And Jeannie I love you girl, I wish I could hold you right now say it's going to be okay because she's never going to be gone away from you. You had a special bond that nobody could take that away and your mom won't either she will always be there. Know this.. I want to try to make it and come and see you all I just wish I had a decent car to get me there but until then no that you all are in my prayers and I love you all... And I loved my aunt Donna. Thank God grace you all.

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**Jill Pierce** - May 20, 2025 at 04:41 AM



“ Donna Holt, you were the glue of St. Anthony's School for many years. When my husband, Jim, was president of Home and School, you knew exactly what to do in every situation. Your advice and guidance and being his mentor were greatly appreciated. God bless you for your kindness to all the St. A's kiddos over the years.

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**Marcia Lalonde** - May 14, 2025 at 10:39 AM

BJ

“ Oh, “Mrs. Lucas”, you will be missed. I have wonderful memories of you in the old neighborhood. May you enjoy your next adventure❤️.  
Bridget “Rose” Jeske

Bridget Jeske - May 10, 2025 at 09:28 PM

SS

“ Donna was such a wonderful lady. She kept to the rules, was kind to the kids, and had a good sense of humor. What a great combo. I remember her fondly. My sympathy to her family.

Sue Seidl - May 09, 2025 at 08:03 AM

JD

“ Julianne A Dul lit a candle in memory of  
Donna Marie Lucas-Holt



Julianne A Dul - May 08, 2025 at 08:02 PM

BZ

“ Bonnie Zoesch lit a candle in memory of  
Donna Marie Lucas-Holt



Bonnie Zoesch - May 08, 2025 at 04:14 PM