



Donna Lee (Bules) Murray

August 20, 1932 - January 28, 2021

Donna Lee (Bules) Murray, age 88, loving wife of the late Edward Conley Murray, Ph.D., of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, passed away at her home on Thursday, January 28, 2021. Born on August 20, 1932 in Peetz, Colorado, she was a daughter of the late Karl and Katherine (Strasrypka) Bules.

Mrs. Murray attended Kearney State College in Nebraska, where she obtained her teaching certificate and met the love of her life, Ed. She was an avid bridge player, and enjoyed gardening, both outside and in her greenhouse. She was a nature lover and enjoyed watching the birds and wildlife around her home. Donna also enjoyed traveling with her husband all over the country and world, but particularly enjoyed their frequent trips to Nebraska and Colorado to visit family. Annual trips to Nebraska and Colorado to visit with family, camp and fish, were annual highlights for her.

They moved frequently, finally settling in Valley Forge, where they spent over 40 years. But, she would always consider the family farm in Gurley, Nebraska, her home. Donna loved her neighbors and enjoyed spending time with them. Most of all, she enjoyed time with her family, both in person, and on the phone with those who were not nearby. She was a loving wife, mother, and dear friend to all who had the pleasure of knowing her and she will be missed by many.

Mrs. Murray is survived by one son, Edward Collin Murray; one daughter, Kellie Sue Murray-Howe; Two grandchildren; her five siblings, Karl J. Bules Jr. of Chappell, NE, Shirley Jurgens of Sidney, NE, Richard (Connie) Bules of Sidney, NE, and Alice (Jim) Ford of Alliance, NE; sisters-in-law Virginia Bules and Helen Murray; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Donna was preceded in death by her brothers, Wayne Bules and Ted Dean Bules; brothers-in-law Leon Schwartz, Jerry Jurgens, Louie Murray, and Marvin Sterner, and sisters-in-law Mildred Bules, and Esther Sterner.

Funeral services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in his name, to the Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 62, Valley Forge, PA 19481. Condolences may be made by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell Ennis Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have many fond memories of my Aunt Donna and they almost all revolve around sitting at a table with coffee in hand while she tells us a story from "back in the day" all while Uncle Ed adds color commentary. I so appreciate the effort that she made to visit us back in Colorado and to stay in touch with us over the years. Lots of good memories of fishing and being at the farm during harvest time. I will be forever grateful for her coming to Western CO to visit my Dad during the last years of his life. She was comfortable around him and my mother and that just meant the world to me. I will miss her storytelling, her sharp wit and her dedication to her extended family. Our whole family is saddened by her passing and we send our sincere condolences.

Lee R Bules - February 23, 2021 at 03:37 PM

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“ Donna was a special Aunt to me and Great-Aunt to Josh & Allison. Going back to my childhood and the summertime memories of visits both in Colorado and on the family farm in Nebraska when Donna would be there helping during harvest and spending time with extended family. Then intermittent visits over the years, both in Colorado and going to see them in Valley Forge. Donna (and Ed) always welcomed us into their home and patiently allowed us to "come and go" over our time in the area. We spent the better part of a week with them in 2006 when they took us through Valley Forge, into Philadelphia to see various sites and a full day trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. In recent years they had Allison stay over her Thanksgiving breaks during college and one year of grad school, giving her a break from the dorms and lots of attention and great home cooking. You and Ed even drove down to DC for Allison's college graduation in 2017, which meant so much to all of us. We miss talking with you and hearing about all the happenings "on the mountain" and on Hope Lane!

All our love - Rod, Tara, Josh & Allison Gartrell

Tara Gartrell - February 22, 2021 at 07:50 PM

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“ Tom and I so enjoyed Donna and Ed as neighbors and friends. We had many long chats with them on Hope Lane, as well as friendly games of bridge in our homes - games which they always won. I also played bridge with Donna in a foursome, and Donna often won that, too. Both Donna and Ed could be seen out in their yard or garden, and shared with us, as well as the Valley Forge United Methodist Church flea market, young red maple trees they had grown. And how they loved their children and grandchildren! Our condolences and best wishes to the family. Tom and Nancy Loane

Nancy Loane - February 12, 2021 at 09:39 AM