



Sara Jane Donaldson

October 16, 1930 - February 16, 2019

Mrs. Sara Jane Donaldson, 88, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Saturday, February 16, 2019. She was born in Boone Township, DuBois County, Indiana, on October 16, 1930, a daughter of the late Albert Edward and Clara Eva (Mehne) Rudolph.

Mrs. Donaldson was raised and educated in Jasper and was a 1947 graduate of Jasper High School. She attended Indiana University in Bloomington before completing her R.N. in 1951, in Indianapolis at the Indiana University School of Nursing. She was a nurse at the Indiana University Medical Center and Robert Long Hospital in Indianapolis prior to her marriage.

On November 22, 1953, she was married to John Weber Donaldson in Bloomington, Indiana. Mr. Donaldson preceded her in death on April 26, 2015.

As a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Sara enjoyed her family and their activities. She was active in Republican politics and supported her husband throughout his political career. She was active in various civic and volunteer activities and was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash." As an avid I.U. fan, Sara enjoyed many activities in Bloomington as well as Lebanon sports. She liked to participate in golf and tennis.

Sara held various memberships including, First Presbyterian Church in

Lebanon where she served as an Elder, a Deacon, a member of Faith Circle and Prayer Chain; Ulen Country Club; honorary Member of Tri Kappa in Lebanon since 1960; Boone County Republican Women's Club and the "Vice Squad"; State Assembly Women's Club Member since 1956; Red Cross Volunteer; and member of the Domestic Violence Commission under Governors Bowen and Orr.

Survivors include:

Three Children:

Carmen Donaldson of Lebanon, Indiana

Catherine Donaldson– Kelly and husband, Dan of Indianapolis

John Bradford "Brad" Donaldson and wife, Tina of Seattle, Washington

Nine Grandchildren:

William Yanney, II

Kendra Yanney

Sara Yanney

Maryanne Streer

Megan (Jason) Skidmore

Joshua (Sara) Buckallew

Taylor (Ani) Buckallew

Patrick (Megan) Buckallew

Michelle Buckallew

Eight Great Grandchildren

Brother-in-law:

Max Merritt of Indianapolis

Nieces and Nephews

In addition to her parents and husband, Sara was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas Rudolph and George Rudolph; and a sister, Mary Merritt.

Funeral Services are planned for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana, with Rev. Terri Thorn, officiating.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday at the funeral home.

Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

Memorials may be directed in her memory to the First Presbyterian Church, 128 East Main Street, Lebanon, Indiana 46052 or to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sara Jane Donaldson*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Sara and John were special people in our lives...for many years. John was a fellow attorney and friend to my father and Sara was also a loyal Republican...having been a member of "Bernie's Vice-Squad." Am thinking that Jack & Bernie Burns, along with loved ones, are helping welcome Sara to the Kingdom of Heaven!*

Patty Burns Gates - February 21, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to learn of your mom's passing. She was such a gracious lady.*
Betsy Rosenstihl Dulhanty

Betsy Rosenstihl Dulhanty - February 21, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ *Dear Cousins,*

I am so sorry about the passing of Aunt Sara. Having just lost Dad a few short weeks ago, I know how hard this is. Robon and I have been keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this time. I am sad to say that I will be out of town on Thursday and unable to attend the memorial service, but I will be with you in spirit and in prayer. I hope to see you soon.

God bless--Cousin Bruce

Bruce Donaldson - February 20, 2019 at 04:04 PM

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“ Karen lit a candle in memory of Sara Jane Donaldson



Karen - February 19, 2019 at 02:00 PM

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“ Karen sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara Jane Donaldson



Karen - February 19, 2019 at 01:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sara Jane Donaldson.



February 18, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sara Jane Donaldson.



February 17, 2019 at 08:12 PM

DM

“ *Much love and sympathy at the passing of such a gracious and wonderful lady! I have many memories of Sara and my mother sitting and sipping iced tea while watching all of us play together. I love the picture Carmen posted on FB - that is how I remember Sara looking like at church.*

Debra McConnaha - February 17, 2019 at 01:24 PM

SB

“ *Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Sara Jane Donaldson*



Sally Byrd - February 16, 2019 at 09:11 PM