

# Donna Mae Ott Ploum

May 29, 1943

October 8, 2014 (71)

Machesney Park, IL



**Donna Mae Ott Ploum**, 71, left her home to be with the Lord at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, October 8, 2014. She was born in Beaver Dam, WI on May 29, 1943 to Orville and Loretta (Wegener) Ott and later lovingly raised by Loretta and Gotthold Schumann. Notably, she was the first female to letter in athletics at West Rockford High School (IL) and continued to play softball for the Rockford Comets. On November 26, 1963 Donna and James Ploum married in Rockford; sadly, he predeceased her November 28, 2000.

Donna was employed by Walter Lawson Children's Home for 26 years. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Loves Park. Donna was an avid gardener, kept a meticulous yard, was a fierce card player, and enjoyed ceramics. An active member of Social 500 Club and Euchre Club for over 30 years, she enjoyed the company of good friends and family.

Survivors include daughter, Monti B. Ploum of Houston, TX; son, Steve (Anne Morrill) Ploum, Homewood, IL; grandchildren, Ethan James Morrill-Ploum, Kate Elyse Morrill-Ploum, and Jule Seth Mabry; siblings, Larry (Pat) Ott, Donald (Denise) Ott, Kenneth (Marylou) Ott, Carol (Joseph) Hagen, Sandi Kokas, Butch Schumann, Lorrie (Jerry) Berg, Lonnie (Lynn) Schumann, and Pam (Norm) Sanders; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her beloved husband, Donna was predeceased by brother, David Ott; and her parents.

Visitation will be from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, October 11th in Grace Lutheran Church, 343 Grand Ave., Loves Park, IL, service to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Brent Dahlseng officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery the following Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Memorials may be directed to Grace Lutheran Church or Walter Lawson Children's Home.

## Reference:

<http://www.sundbergfh.com/index.php?controller=obituary&action=show&title=donna-m-ploum>