



# Donna Jean Howard

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**D**onna Jean Howard, 91, of Clarklake, passed away March 25, 2022. Donna's family and friends will gather for visitation on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM at Eineder Funeral Homes - Brooklyn Chapel. Her funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM following the visitation at Eineder Funeral Homes - Brooklyn Chapel. Pastor Jeff Sheeks will serve as celebrant.

She was born on December 14, 1930, in Wayne, Michigan to Clyde and Anastasia (Bielecki) Gibson. Donna married the love of her life, James Howard Jr, on May 3, 1951, in Indiana. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother, great aunt and friend. Donna graduated from Eastern Michigan University and began her career as an elementary school teacher. She kept her love of education and children alive by substitute teaching for a variety of grades, while raising her children. She was also a successful Real Estate Agent. Donna held many roles in the community including, PTA, Cub Scout Leader, Library Board, and campaigning for local and state political parties and issues. She was awarded Citizen of The Year in 1979 by the Brooklyn Area Jaycees and was the first woman Mayor of the Village of Brooklyn. Donna loved getting her family together whenever possible, especially family dinners. She loved being outdoors. Some of her favorite outdoor activities were walking, camping and bicycle riding; all the while identifying plants, flowers and trees. Among her many interests and hobbies, Donna loved to dance and was an avid reader.

Donna will be missed by her children, Mark (Nancy) Howard of Jackson, Melissa (Neil) Schell of Charlotte, Vermont, Karla Howard of Clarklake, Riley (Janu) Miracle of Jackson, Jessica Miracle of Hudson; one granddaughter, Amanda Cogan; great grandchildren Braden, Blake and Weston Cogan; nieces Cindi (Tom) Folkner and nephew Arthur (Connie) Appelgren and their children, Alex, Sebastian and Owen; and a daughter-like friend, Carol (Tom) McArtor Doyle. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Jim, and daughter Kimberly Miracle.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Cascades Humane Society. Please leave a message of comfort for Donna's family or sign her guestbook at [www.EinederFuneralHomes.com](http://www.EinederFuneralHomes.com).



# Events

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## Family and Friends Gathering

**Saturday**, April 2, 2022

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

**Eineder Funeral Homes - Brooklyn Chapel**  
137 S Main St, Brooklyn MI 49230

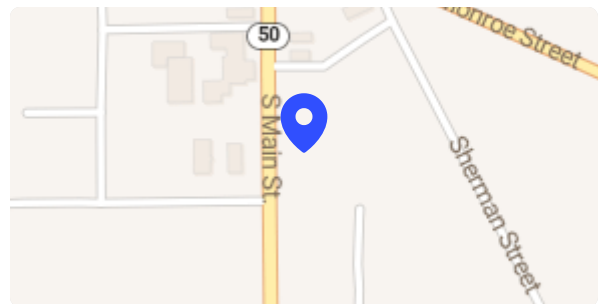


## Celebration of Life

**Saturday**, April 2, 2022

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

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## Tribute Wall

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**Denny Nickolas** posted:

My favorite aunt and an amazing woman. What a personality plus. My only regret is that I did not keep in touch with her over the years. Will miss her dearly and will never forget her.

April 1 at 1:53 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Howard family.



April 1 at 1:42 PM



**Hazel Wright** posted:

I so enjoyed it when Donna came to Florida to visit my husband and me. We enjoyed showing off our little town of Frostproof, FL., Spook Hill in Lake Wales and Donna especially enjoyed our trip to Lake Placid with all its murals. We had such a good time. We always could take up our friendship right where we left off whether it was in Michigan, NY or Florida. Sent with love and deepest sympathy to all the family from Hazel Wright

April 1 at 3:23 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Love's Journey to the Howard family.



March 30 at 5:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Howard family.



March 28 at 10:26 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Donna by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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