



## Donna Mayer

July 1, 1949 - January 4, 2018

Donna Mayer, 68, of Mason City, IL, passed away Thursday, January 4, 2018. She was born July 1, 1949 to Harold and Geraldine (Beal) Mayer in Peoria, IL. Donna worked at Parkland College as financial aid assistant. She was an active member of the Assembly of God Church, Salt Creek Prairie Chapter DAR, the Abraham Lincoln DAR and Mason City Women's Club. She was President of Mason City Illinois Area and Family History Society. Donna enjoyed genealogy and writing. She wrote Mason City's Famous and Infamous.

A funeral Service for Donna will be held at the Assembly of God Church in Mason City on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 11am. Pastor Sprinkle will officiate. Interment will follow at Mason City Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Assembly of God Church. Online condolences can be left at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL 62664

# Previous Events

## Funeral

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Assembly of God Church- Mason City  
121 E. Arch  
Mason City, IL 62664  
(217) 482-3806

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Mayer*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *I wish she were still here. If I could have been with her in her last days, I would have said, "Donna, don't go."*

**Kenneth Forbes** - January 12, 2018 at 06:28 PM



“ *Donna and I corresponded for several years, attempting to solve the Becker murders. She was an expert genealogist, an excellent writer, and I enjoyed her book and writings. I will miss her witty emails. Rest in peace, Donna.*

**John Thomas** - January 12, 2018 at 04:56 PM



“ *Brenda Lovelace Lutes lit a candle in memory of Donna Mayer*



**Brenda Lovelace Lutes** - January 11, 2018 at 12:05 AM



*Donna was a good friend and had a big heart. We shared a lot of good times. Heaven just got another angel*

**Brenda Lovelace Lutes** - January 11, 2018 at 12:13 AM

JD

“ *She started as a customer but soon became a friend . She loved to talk to people and share experiences which made her a great person. She will be missed by all.*

---

**John Dodson** - January 10, 2018 at 11:42 AM

JD

“ *She will be missed!*

---

**John Dodson** - January 10, 2018 at 11:36 AM

PL

“ *Patricia Lowe lit a candle in memory of Donna Mayer*



---

**Patricia Lowe** - January 08, 2018 at 07:44 AM



“ Donna and I traveled to a conference together and then discovered that I had relatives related to her relatives. We visited the Cass Co. Courthouse searching for clues and she spent a day with me working on Leveledale Cemetery where I have ancestor's buried. I sometimes stayed with her when I was active in the American Red Cross and had to be in Peoria the next day for a class. I visited her just after she had bought her home in Mason City and enjoyed watching her showing it off.

While I haven't been over that way the past couple of years, Donna was often in my thoughts and just yesterday, decided I needed to email her. Today, I was saddened to learn of her death.

Joan Lund  
Champaign, IL

---

Joan Lund - January 07, 2018 at 11:32 PM



“ I spent many hours with Donna, even using our metal detector, looking for things at Cherry Grove Cemetery regarding the unsolved Becker Murders. She was a terrific lady and full of lots of information.

---

Glenn Shawgo - January 07, 2018 at 05:25 PM

BA

“ I became friends with Donna a couple years ago and we shared a lot of history information which originated with a scrap book that Mildred [Chesnut ]Ainsworth created and kept that contained a lot of family and Mason City historical facts--including excerpts about Lincoln. We met a few times and she, Dick Chesnut [Mildred's nephew], Darrel and I visited the Lincoln Museum and talked with Dr. James Cornelliuss, the Lincoln curator there. She had some interesting facts for him!

*I'm very grateful that I got to know her and enjoyed our frequent phone visits and the visits to her home last summer What a neat and interesting lady.*

*Darrel & Brenda Ainsworth*

---

**Brenda Ainsworth** - January 07, 2018 at 09:48 AM

BR

“ *Barb Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Donna Mayer*



---

**Barb Rodgers** - January 07, 2018 at 09:28 AM