



## Donna S. Cochran

September 10, 1949 - January 11, 2017

Donna S. Cochran passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at her home surrounded by her loved ones. Donna was born in Rensselaer, Indiana on September 10, 1949, the daughter of Glen Robert and Cora (Robbins) George. She was a lifetime resident of Rensselaer graduating from Rensselaer High School with the Class of 1967.

On November 16, 1968, in Rensselaer Donna married the love of her life, Russell Lee Cochran. Donna and Russ recently celebrated 48 wonderful years together.

Donna retired in 2015 from the City of Rensselaer where she was the Electric Utility Manager since 1987. She previously worked for 10 years at the Rensselaer Care Center.

She was a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Rensselaer where she had served as the St. Luke's Youth Group leader. Donna was a member of APPA and IMPA and had served as Public Relations chairperson. Donna was a former member of Jasper County 4-H.

Donna enjoyed going fishing, playing shuffleboard and botche ball, camping, traveling and visiting various wineries. Her greatest enjoyment was time spent with Russ and her family.

Surviving is her loving family, husband Russ Cochran of Rensselaer, sons Kevin R. (wife Kelly) Cochran, Paul G. (Fiancé Angie) Cochran all of Rensselaer and Scott E. (Eileen) Cochran of Lafayette, Indiana; grandchildren Paige, Hailey, Elizabeth, Ty and Evelyn; step-grandchildren Ashlyn, Kaden

and Madison; and three brothers, Robert Glen (Linda) George of Rosedale, Indiana, Ronald A. (Susan) George of Union Mills, Indiana and Estel E. (Deana) George of Rensselaer. She was preceded in death by her parents. Friends may visit with the family at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Sunday, January 15, 2017, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. cst. Funeral services will be held at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Monday, January 16, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. cst with Pastor Benjamin Hertel officiating. Burial will follow at Weston Cemetery, Rensselaer, Indiana. Memorials may be made to St. Luke Lutheran Church, 704 E. Grace Street, Rensselaer, Indiana 47978.

# Cemetery Details

## Weston Cemetery

Weston Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5626

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Service

JAN **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna S. Cochran



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 13, 2017 at 05:00 PM

JS

*As a young girl, Donna lived across the street from us. She and Diane Overton were attending their 8 th dance and I helped them with their hair. After choosing to put colored sparkles in their hair, the next morning they had many colored streaks on their faces. Donna and I enjoyed laughing about this memory about each time we met.*

Judy Smith - January 15, 2017 at 10:39 PM

JW

“ Jill Wilson lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



Jill Wilson - January 15, 2017 at 08:35 PM

BF

“ *Brian Herre & Family lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



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**Brian Herre & Family** - January 15, 2017 at 06:20 PM

RF

“ *Robert Smith & Family lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



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**Robert Smith & family** - January 15, 2017 at 11:45 AM

RS

*Paul I'm sorry to hear about Donna's passing, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Robert Smith** - January 15, 2017 at 12:11 PM

JL

“ *Jim & Dorrie Gilbert Lefler lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



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**Jim & Dorrie Gilbert Lefler** - January 14, 2017 at 10:31 PM

LE

“ A very courageous lady. RIP Donna.

*Phill and Lois Evers*



Lois Evers - January 14, 2017 at 03:37 PM

SO

“ Donna was a loving cousin and friend. I will always treasure her words of kindness at my son's funeral. Rest In Peace, Donna. You fought valliently.

sharon orr - January 14, 2017 at 09:05 AM

BS

“ Bill Steele lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



Bill Steele - January 14, 2017 at 08:32 AM

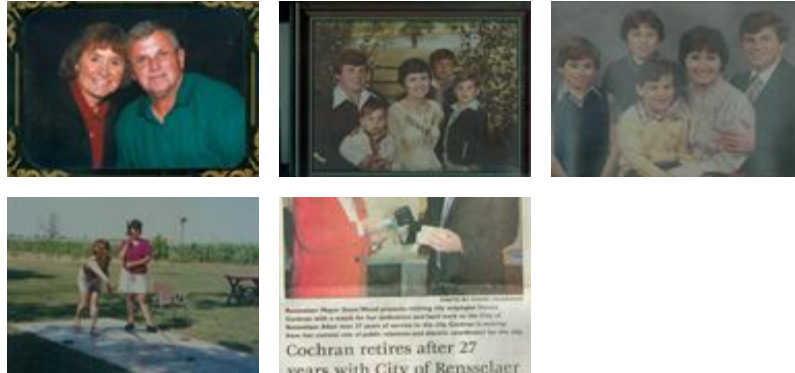
JB

“ Can't believe that my Care Center buddy is gone! Donna Cochran...best wife, mother, and friend that one could hope for. R.I.P. And thanks for the beautiful memories Donna! Hugs to Russ and the boys 😭

Judy Burvan - January 13, 2017 at 08:46 PM



“ 40 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - January 13, 2017 at 04:42 PM

DR

“ *Diane (Overton) Reeder lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



**Diane (Overton) Reeder** - January 13, 2017 at 03:27 PM

GK

“ *Russ and family, Donna was such a beautiful, gracious, and courageous lady. We send our deepest sympathy along with our loving thoughts and prayers. God Bless, George & Joan Kanne*



**George & Joan Kanne** - January 13, 2017 at 01:43 PM

JM

“ Jackie Malchow lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



jackie malchow - January 13, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Donna S. Cochran.



January 13, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna S. Cochran.



January 13, 2017 at 09:45 AM

CF

“ Cheryl Floyd lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



Cheryl Floyd - January 13, 2017 at 08:46 AM

JB

“ *Judy Beehler lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



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**judy Beehler** - January 13, 2017 at 08:03 AM

MB

“ *Mike And Jan Brown lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



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**Mike and Jan Brown** - January 13, 2017 at 05:50 AM

KF

“ *My memories of Donna are being a little girl and playing at Grandma Robbins and at family gatherings. What fun we had !! Our deepest sympathy, Russ and family. With love around you, it will give you comfort and strength. Love Steve & Karen (Ames) Forte*



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**karen forte** - January 12, 2017 at 09:30 PM

DS

“ *Daryl And Sandi Strohmeier lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



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**Daryl and Sandi Strohmeier** - January 12, 2017 at 08:49 PM

JC

“ I am so grateful to have had many great memories with Donna and the family. Time goes by so fast. Sending my love to Russ and the boys ❤️



jessica brown coogan - January 12, 2017 at 07:21 PM

MH

“ Maureen & Kenny Healey lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



Maureen & Kenny Healey - January 12, 2017 at 06:52 PM

MB

“ Marlene Bilek lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



Marlene Bilek - January 12, 2017 at 06:33 PM

PA

“ Pat lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



Pat - January 12, 2017 at 06:07 PM

PA

*Donna was a sweet, sweet lady.*

**Pat** - January 12, 2017 at 06:08 PM

NA

“ *Nat lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



**Nat** - January 12, 2017 at 05:54 PM

GW

“ *Glen And Linda Wood lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



**Glen and Linda Wood** - January 12, 2017 at 05:40 PM

 Cindy Latham-Teeter

“ *Cindy Latham-Teeter lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



**Cindy Latham-Teeter** - January 12, 2017 at 05:21 PM

LW

“ Louise & Allen Wortley lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



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**Louise & Allen Wortley** - January 12, 2017 at 04:14 PM

OF

“ Ohanis Family lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



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**Ohanis family** - January 12, 2017 at 03:52 PM

SD

“ Steve & Sharon Dill lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



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**Steve & Sharon Dill** - January 12, 2017 at 03:42 PM

AK

“ I was so saddened to hear of Donna's passing. I remember her work at the Care Center when my mom was there. She was always so kind and compassionate with her. My deepest sympathies to Russ and her family. You will certainly be in my prayers.

*Ann Blacker Kirschner*

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**Ann Kirschner** - January 12, 2017 at 03:18 PM

NN

“ *Nancy Nagel lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



Nancy Nagel - January 12, 2017 at 03:13 PM

CZ

“ *Carol Zacek lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



Carol Zacek - January 12, 2017 at 02:50 PM

GH

“ *Genny Hickman lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



Genny Hickman - January 12, 2017 at 02:47 PM

SM

“ *Scott Malone lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



scott malone - January 12, 2017 at 02:39 PM

BB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. I still remember her friendship during our school days and working with her at the Sprint telephone company right after graduation. She was always smiling and just fun to hang out with. Prayers go out to you, Russ, and to your family. May God give you all strength during this time.

**Betty (Smith) Barlow** - January 12, 2017 at 02:22 PM

NB

“ Neal And Gloria Barton lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



**Neal and Gloria Barton** - January 12, 2017 at 02:20 PM

KL

“ Ken & Rita Layton lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



**Ken & Rita Layton** - January 12, 2017 at 02:17 PM

DD

“ Diane(Ames) Davis lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



**Diane(Ames) Davis** - January 12, 2017 at 01:32 PM

ME

“ *Maureen Egan lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



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**Maureen Egan** - January 12, 2017 at 01:31 PM

JH

“ *Jim Hurd lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



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**Jim Hurd** - January 12, 2017 at 01:26 PM

 Mary  
Wenitschka  
Wollenberg

“ *I am sorry for your loss. Donna was such a strong and wonderful person who loved her family very much. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.  
She will be missed, may she rest in peace and peace be with you all.  
David and Mary Wollenberg*



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**Mary Wenitschka Wollenberg** - January 12, 2017 at 01:26 PM

RR

*Thoughts and prayers are with you Russ and family!! She is at peace now.. Ron & Vicki Robinson*

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**ron & Vicki robinson** - January 12, 2017 at 02:28 PM

GS

“ Gary Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



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**Gary Sheffer** - January 12, 2017 at 01:25 PM

GW

“ Rest in peace, Donna. Prayers to Russ and the family.

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**Gayla Warran** - January 12, 2017 at 01:22 PM

JP

“ Jeff And Kris Phillips lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran



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**Jeff and Kris Phillips** - January 12, 2017 at 01:20 PM

JP

*Donna and I started with The City of Rensselaer on the exact same day in 1987. 30 years later she remained my friend, co-worker but the most important role she had in my life was my mentor. Thank you Donna for listening, coaching, laughing but most importantly encouraging me to reach for the sky and never be afraid to go for something I felt passion for. You will be missed my friend. May you finally find the peace you so deserved. Until we meet again.....*

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**Jeff and Kris Phillips** - January 12, 2017 at 01:25 PM

SZ

“ *SHERRI ZICKMUND lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Cochran*



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**SHERRI ZICKMUND** - January 12, 2017 at 01:14 PM

SZ

*Kevin prayers to your and your family at the loss of your Mother. I will keep all of you in my prayers.*

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**SHERRI ZICKMUND** - January 12, 2017 at 01:15 PM

PL

“ *Rest in Peace, my friend. You were one of the bravest people I have ever known & I am so proud to have been able to call you my friend. Prayers for all of you for comfort during this difficult time.*



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**Phyllis Lanoue** - January 12, 2017 at 01:10 PM