



Leanne R. O'Donnell-Gilberg

May 16, 1951 - November 15, 2025

Leanne R. O'Donnell-Gilberg

Passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends at her late Channahon residence on Saturday, November 15, 2025.

Born in Minneapolis, MN the loving daughter of the late Walter and Arlene (nee Saxton) O'Donnell.

Beloved wife of 52 wonderful years to Raymond Gilberg; Adored mother of Timothy (Beth), Aaron(Sarah), Ramsey (Jessica) and Samuel; Proud Nana of Blake, Barrett, Carter, Ally, Presley, Roman, Declan and Lakelan; "bonus" Nana to Cameron, Brayden, Olivia and Easton; Fond sister of Gerri Anderson, Mark (Pam) O'Donnell, Michele (Wayne) Gardas, Gail (Don) Reed and Kandi (David) Ryan; Dear sister in law of Karen Gilberg and Lydia Gilberg; proud owner of canine companion Rhy; numerous nieces and nephews also mourn her passing.

Preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers in law, Douglas Anderson and Steven Gilberg.

Leanne was a long time member of White Earth Nation. She was proud of her Ojibwa Heritage. She had a beautiful and natural talent for building rapport with others. She was known for being empathetic, finding common ground and used kindness and humor to make others feel valued and understood.

She loved people and had a wonderful career as a Social Worker, LCSW before her retirement. She truly had a helpful heart. She enjoyed her family and her home. She was a talented baker and artisan, she spent many hours creating jewelry and decorations using the most beautiful beads. She was also a rock collector and a lover of words/language in general, meeting the challenges found in games like Scrabble, Jigsaw Puzzles and Online Word games. Her morning ritual usually included a good cup of coffee and a friendly competition of the Brain Puzzle Sudoku with Ray. Her loving attitude and extended care to everyone, including those she didn't know well, and fulfilling her neighbor's needs as she did her own will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

When through one woman a little more love and goodness, a little more light and truth, come into the world, then that woman's life has had meaning.

Memorial Gathering for Leanne R. O'Donnell-Gilberg will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2025 from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM at Joliet Elks Lodge located at 250 S.E. Frontage Road, Joliet, IL

Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Shera Madson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Leanne R. O'Donnell-Gilberg.*



Shera Madson - November 18, 2025 at 01:17 PM

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“ *LeAnne was a beautiful soul who helped me through many of life challenges. I will always cherish the time spent with her.*

Christi - November 17, 2025 at 08:04 PM

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“ *LeAnne was a very special lady who helped me through lifes challenges! I loved my meetings with her. She was a remarkable individual with a unique sense of compassion and empathy.*

Christi - November 17, 2025 at 07:59 PM

SF

“ *I worked very closely with Leanne as a fellow social worker in Elwood for two years and I absolutely loved her humor, free spirit, heart for others, and love of her family. The first day I met her, she pulled a baggie of her homemade snickerdoodle cookies out of her purse and gave me one. Lol. She was an amazing social worker, human being, and friend, and she will be deeply missed.*

Sue Francimore - November 17, 2025 at 06:19 PM

CL

“ *My heart grieves. Leanne was a kind and loving woman. She made me feel like a member of the family when I first moved to Minnesota in 1982. A first-class, virtuous woman for whom the crown of life has been reserved.*

Charlie Lindquist - November 17, 2025 at 04:18 PM

SS

“ *Leanne has always been one of my favorite cousins! I was lucky enough to get to spend a few weekends with her through the years. We have always had a special bond as mothers of boys, second born girls and lefties. I will miss her sweet nature and genuine compassion. My heart goes out to all of her family.*
Sherri Sobczak

Sherri Sobczak - November 17, 2025 at 12:28 PM