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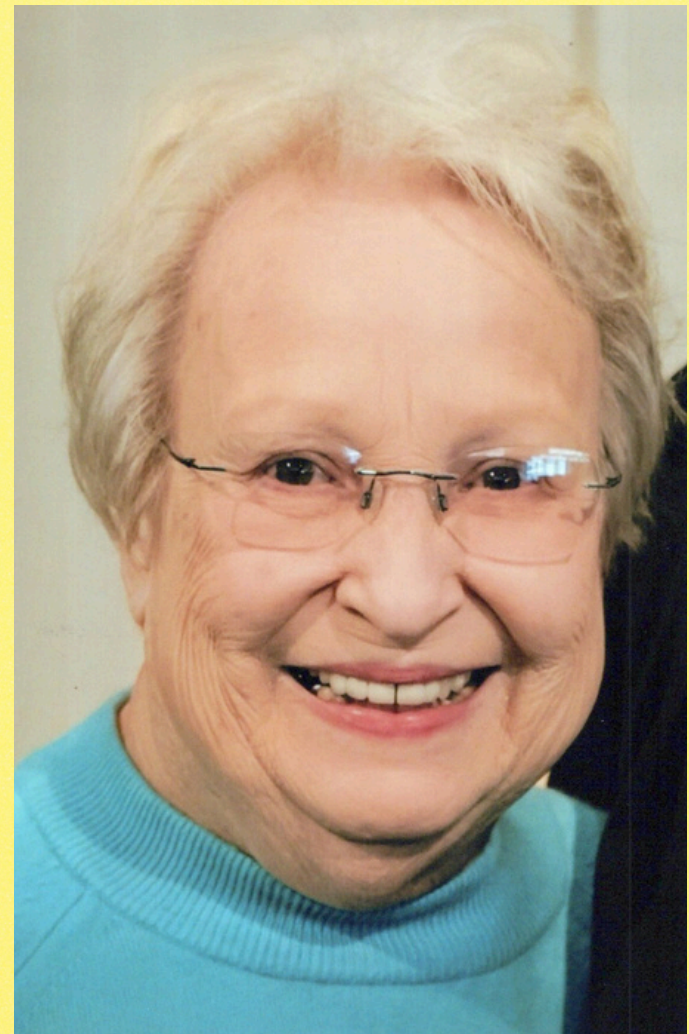
Ryan Halterman

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I  
will give you rest."*

Matthew 11:28 (NIV)



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*In Loving Memory of*

*Donna Couch*

*December 24, 1939 - September 26, 2026*

# For Our Mom

We still find ourselves reaching for the phone,  
Wanting to tell you something only you would understand.

Sometimes it's good news.

Sometimes it's nothing at all.

Just one of those ordinary little moments

That somehow always belonged to us.

Those are the moments we miss the most.

We miss your voice.

We miss your laugh.

We miss the way everything somehow felt a little lighter

Simply because you were there.

People say time heals.

We don't think that's quite true.

Time teaches us how to carry the weight,

But it never asks us to put it down.

Because a mother's love doesn't leave with her.

It quietly becomes part of the person we are.

We still find you in ordinary days....

In the smell of fresh baking.

In a favorite song that appears when we least expect it.

In the words we hear ourselves saying,

Only to realize they were yours all along.

In the little things

That no one else would ever notice.

You are still here.....

In our kindness,

In our strength,

In every lesson you ever taught us,

And in every piece of love you left behind.

So although we can no longer hold your hand,

We hold tightly to everything you gave us.

It still comforts us.

It still guides us.

It still feels like home.

And until the day we meet again...

We will miss you.

We will love you.

And with all our heart.....

Thank you.....

For being our MOM

Your daughters.....

Holly Thomas

Elisa Ellis

Donna Lois (Walker) Couch, 86, of Sherwood, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on September 26, 2026. She was born December 24 (her older brother definitely didn't give her a hard time for being born on Christmas Eve), 1939, in Harrison, Arkansas, to Ira Ludwin Walker and Vida Lois (Mitchell) Walker. She was reunited with her parents on her dad's birthday.

Donna was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who was affectionately known as "Nanny." She was a hardworking woman with a sweet spirit, a believing (some might say gullible) personality, a wonderful sense of humor, and a genuine love for her family. She enjoyed cooking and was especially proud of her homemade recipes, including broccoli cheese and rice, potato salad, and her famous grilled cheese and tomato soup combo. She prided herself on never missing a football game for her grandson, Bryan. Her love for those around her was evident in the way she brought people together and made them feel cared for.

Donna was a longtime member of Sylvan Hills Church of Christ and treasured her faith and her church family. She also attended the University of Arkansas.

She is survived by her husband, James Henry Couch of Sherwood; daughters, Holly Renee (Dave) Thomas of Little Rock and Elisa Kay (Frank) Ellis of Elkins; brother, Lt. Col. Gerald Dale Walker, USAF, Ret. (Brenda) of Maumelle, AR; grandchildren, Tara Halterman (Ryan), Bryan Taylor (Ashlee), Mitchell Moore (Amanda), Andy Thomas (Kyle), Kimberly Der (Josh), and Amanda Ellis-Smith (Kevin); fifteen great-grandchildren Ryan, Kael, Bryson, Brynleigh, Haylee, Hadlee, Molly, Jack, Jeremiah, Karis, Nikki, Stefan, Kelsey, Kerrigan, and Kaden; nieces Kara Golby and Stephanie Young; nephews Scott Walker Hipple and Steven Fraser Hipple, along with extended family and friends who loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ira Ludwin and Vida Lois Walker; her husband of over 25 years, James Odell "Dude" Ray; sister, Janet Gale Hipple; brother-in-law, Dr. Randall Fraser Hipple; nephews Kenneth Dale Walker and Philip Wayne Walker; grandson Patrick David Thomas; and great-granddaughter Brooke Taylor Bishop.