

**Donna Lee Masterton**, daughter of William John (1921-2014) and Dorothy Marie (Ahrens) (1922-1985) Masterton, was born 25 August 1950. Donna was



one of two children William and Dorothy raised. A third child, a son named after his father, died in 1945. Donna and brother grew up in the Saginaw, Michigan area. Donna graduated from Saginaw Arthur Hill High School in 1968 and went on to obtain B.A. and M.A. degrees from Michigan State University. She married Kenneth Dunlap in about 1981.

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*Okemos Alumni Association was informed of Donna's passing by retired Okemos teacher, Kathleen Marsh.*