



Donna Lee Dankert

March 7, 1936 - February 7, 2015

Donna L. Dankert, 78 of Grand Island died on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Wedgewood Care Center.

Memorial services will be, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 14, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Rev. Jack Gillam will officiate. There will be no visitation.

Burial of ashes will take place at a later date at Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Cairo. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Donna is survived by her son, Terry Dankert of Dallas, TX; daughter and son-in-law, Carmen and Vincent Seaman of Bermuda; brother and sister-in-law, Tim and Joyce Hargens and their children, John and Hannah of Grand Island; brother-in-law Vernon Harders of Wood River; uncle John Rauert of Grand Island; step-brother, Tom Hill of Grand Island; and good friend Opal Nester of Grand Island. Also surviving are nieces, nephews, cousins, and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, her parents, sister, Beverly Harders, two sisters-in-law and their husbands, Loretta and Virgil Becker and Don and Marion Schultz.

Donna Lee Hargens was born March 7, 1936 in Grand Island to Delbert and Beulah (Rauert) Hargens. At the age of four she moved with her parents to the Hargens family farm three and a half miles east of Cairo. She attended District 61 School and grew up helping on the farm. She graduated from Cairo High School in 1953 with sixteen others.

On July 11, 1954 she was baptized and confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church

in Cairo. Later that day she married Earl Dankert at the church. The temperature reached 116 degrees that afternoon and the area farmers recalled for years how the corn tassels turned white that day and their livestock perished from the heat. They spent their honeymoon at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, where Earl was stationed with the army. After his military service was over they moved to his parent's farm west of Dannebrog in Howard County. In 1964 they moved to a farm north of Dannebrog where she continued to help Earl on the farm. In 1997 they retired from the farm and moved to Grand Island. Earl died on August 18, 2007. They were married 53 years.

She was an excellent cook and loved to play cards with her friends. Donna Lee and Earl traveled extensively in the United States and to other countries. She was a member of the Platt Duetsche, Christ Lutheran Church in St. Paul, and later Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Island.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church or to Trinity Lutheran School

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Lee Dankert*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *We will always remember Donna Lees infectious laugh! She lit up a room. Prayers to her family.
Mary and Dennis Harb*

Mary Woitaszewski Harb - February 11, 2015 at 10:25 AM