



Donna Rae Dobish

September 4, 1932 - May 29, 2026

Donna Rae Dobish, 93, of Grand Island, passed away on Friday, May 29, 2026.

Celebration of Life service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 17th at Trinity United Methodist Church of Grand Island. Visitation will be at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. at Elmwood Cemetery in St. Paul. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Paul Volunteer Fire Department or EMT Service.

Donna was born September 4, 1932, in Elba, NE, the daughter of Henry and Alta (Klein) Harvey. She attended St. Paul High School and received her diploma from American School of Chicago. She loved attending her class reunions.

On September 10, 1949, Donna married Albert Eugene "Dick" Dobish, son of George and Mary (Lanka) Dobish. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Diana and Denise.

Dick and Donna owned the Dobish Garage where Donna managed the bookkeeping. She also worked in the kitchen at St. Paul Public Schools for many years.

Donna was a very active member of the First Presbyterian Church of St. Paul. She was a choir member, Sunday School Teacher, taught youth sewing classes, maintained the sewing machines, helped prepare and serve Mission and Thanksgiving meals, and was a Deacon.

Always a very active volunteer, Donna was involved in the American Legion Auxiliary, Fireman's Auxiliary Charter member, Howard County Historical Society Board of Directors, Hospital Auxiliary and a Girl Scout Leader. Her passions were serving as a Certified EMT, creating beautiful quilts, genealogy for all branches of her family and coin/stamp collecting. She was an avid Husker fan, enjoyed vacations with family, Women's Champion National bowling league, casino games, bingo and dancing to polkas and big band music. Many weekends were spent relaxing at their cabin on the river with family and dear friends.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughters, Diana Dobish (Paul Ferguson) and Denise (Todd) Arnett, and bonus daughter, Pamela Lindsay; grandchildren, Shanie (Trent) Eckard, Sebrina (Josh) Bergmeier, and Thomas "TJ" Roe; great grandchildren, Austin (Abigayle) Friedrichsen, Corbin Bergmeier and fiancé, Carley Pool, Camdon Eckard, and Jace Bergmeier; and one great-great grandson, Hudson Friedrichsen.

She is also survived by a sister, Vivian Salak; and brother, Don Harvey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick Dobish; infant great-great granddaughter, Hazel Friedrichsen; brothers and sisters-in-law, Daryl and Elaine Harvey, Russell and Janet Harvey, William and Jeanette Harvey; sisters-in-law, Marcia Harvey and Rose Harvey; brother-in-law, Fred Salak and special friends Leo Gillham and Milton Nesiba.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
511 N Elm St
Grand Island, NE 68801-4599
(308) 382-1952

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Rae Dobish.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Rae Dobish.

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“ Donna was what I would call a bonus mother in life. She was always willing to listen and give the most useful advice. She was amazing comfort during the loss of my Father-in-law Milton Nesiba and my Husband Marvin Nesiba. She was a welcome visitor and source of joy at all of our family gatherings. I will miss her beautiful smile, her calming words of wisdom and our many phone calls. Donna had abundant love, joy and admiration for her family. Rest in Peace Donna you will be GREATLY missed.



Doris Nesiba - June 09 at 10:04 AM

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“ Donna has been so missed at our church since she moved. She generously left fabric and quilts for us to donate and use in our mission. She was the best at tuning up the sewing machines and fixing all the "bugs". And working with our sewing students. During our sewing group meeting the last Friday of each month we would have a potluck and she often asked me to bring real mashed potatoes and gravy and I would give her the leftovers to take home for supper. Donna set up 2 tables in the basement side-room that she used for cutting and laying out and working on fabric. One time a family borrowed our tables for a graduation and when they brought them back the two put in their place were not the same height. Five of us spent a whole morning trying to find 2 that matched. We came close. .She was very supportive of all of our church work. Love and miss her. Linda Kanter

Robert N Linda Kanter - June 02 at 10:31 AM

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*What a wonderful, active, passionate life well lived and shared. I remember Donna from high school, going to school in the same grade as Denise. Donna was always happy, sweet, laughing and kind. What a beautiful legacy she has left for her beautiful family.
Much love and sweet memories.
Kim Wolinski*

Kim Wolinski - June 05 at 12:41 PM