



Donna Ellis

May 17, 1947 - July 9, 2016

Donna W. Ellis, 69 of Grand Island went to her Heavenly home Saturday, July 9, 2016 at Tiffany Square.

Celebration of life service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church. Reverend Caroline Price-Gibson will officiate. Private family burial of ashes will be in the Minden Cemetery.

All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Mrs. Ellis was born May 17, 1947 at Pittsburgh, PA the daughter of Howard and Nelda (Fenner) Wood.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Daniel; their children, Diane (Garry) Ward of Fairbury, Deborah (Mike) Poland of Palmer and David (Cheryl) Ellis of Cherokee, IA; grandchildren, Daniel Ellis, Janice Ward, Amy Ward, Riane Ward, Austin Zimbelman, Alexis Poland, Kade Poland, Jayce Poland, Heather Ellis, Dallas Ellis, Elizabeth Ellis, Heidi Ellis, Leah Ellis and Amelia Bo Ellis; three great-grandchildren and brother, Stan (Donna) Wood of Canton, Ohio and her mother-in-law, Martha Ellis of Minden.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Carolyn Churchill; father-in-law, Orval Ellis and brother-in-law, Delbert Ellis.

Donna was raised in Pittsburgh, PA. She received her BA in Health and Physical Education from Slippery Rock State College in Pennsylvania and her Master's from Doane College.

On June 7, 1969 she was united in marriage to Daniel E. Ellis. They lived in Brook Park, Ohio; Mentor, Ohio and Mentor on the Lake, Ohio. They made

Grand Island their home in 1976.

Donna worked at St. Mary's School in Mentor; OB receptionist in Brook Park; Northwestern Bell Operator in Grand Island; JM McDonalds in Grand Island; First Presbyterian Preschool in Grand Island and secretary at Grace Covenant and First Presbyterian. She taught 4th, 5th and 6th grades at Newell, Walnut and Engelman for the Grand Island Public Schools from 1987-2009.

Some of her enjoyments include her grandchildren, reading, quilting, making tie blankets, fabric stores, adult coloring, Sudoku, loved teaching, being with friends and family.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the GRACE Foundation, First Presbyterian Preschool or donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ Donna Ellis

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Donna was such a sweet lady. We always enjoyed her visits at Quilt'n Kaboodle. We are so sorry for your loss.

Kim Barrett - July 18, 2016 at 07:42 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, Debbie and family. God bless you all today and always!

Roxy Shuman - July 13, 2016 at 09:26 AM



“ I met Donna while I was student teaching. She was always there to lend a hand, or just sit and listen to you. Her students always seemed so happy and up beat in her class. Even 10 years later when I would see her in public we would stop and talk. She was a wonderful lady with a big heart. She will be missed.

Meg Moellenberndt-Trout - July 12, 2016 at 10:40 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Donna Ellis.



July 12, 2016 at 07:11 PM

BB

“ Although we didn't know Donna, we know her extended family and how much they loved her, and are missing her. You are all in our prayers as only God can supply what you need right now. Much Love. Jan & Barb Bartchy

Barbara Bartchy - July 12, 2016 at 11:06 AM

ST

“ Stacy sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna Ellis



Stacy - July 12, 2016 at 09:14 AM

MT

“ I will surely miss that wonderful smile!! And her contagious giggle! Donna affected all three of my children in different ways; Deb of course at Newell, Mike during mission trips, and Lucas by just being there. Plus she was an amazing friend to me. I so enjoyed working with her at school and just spending time with her. So sorry that I will not be able to attend her service on Friday, but I will be there in my heart. Prayers and hugs to the whole family.

Myla THOMPSON - July 12, 2016 at 06:26 AM

CN

“ Our Sympathies to all of Donna's family. I remember her from working at Waldenbooks for several years. We loved seeing her come in, she was just a great person to visit with, always a smile! Carla, Dave, Carl and Grant Nielson of Archer, Ne.

Carla and Dave Nielson - July 11, 2016 at 10:40 PM

RF

“ *Rachael Dvorak And Family lit a candle in memory of Donna Ellis*



Rachael dvorak and family - July 11, 2016 at 10:06 PM

JM

So sotry to hear of Donna passing. I remember her wonderful smile and her laughter. She will be missed . Again so sorry. Judy maupin and cindy

Judy maupin - July 12, 2016 at 07:16 AM

BB

Although we did not know Donna, we do know her extended family and how much she was loved and is missed. We are praying for you all, as only God can provide what you need right now. He is faithful and will provide for you. Much Love, Jan & Barb Bartchy

Barbara Bartchy - July 12, 2016 at 11:11 AM

PR

Donna was my sub when my mother passed. She was comforting and gracious in a big way. She stopped at Moms house one evening and was so giving to all my siblings who were there. Way beyond what she had to do. That's the kind of person she was.

pat rerucha - July 12, 2016 at 02:58 PM

JH

Donna and I have known each other since kindergarten! Yes, 60 plus years I've had the pleasure of her smile, kindness, and all encompassing friendship. Honestly, life will never be the same without that laughter and warmth that were her trademarks. RIP my forever friend.

judy hendrickson - July 13, 2016 at 07:06 PM