



Donna Madsen

January 29, 1931 - September 1, 2015

Donna Madsen, 84, of Grand Island, died on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at her home.

To honor Donna's wishes cremation was chosen.

Graveside service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 1st in the Grand Island Cemetery. Daniel D. Naranjo will officiate. There will be a gathering of family and friends from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, September 30th at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Donna is survived by a daughter, Vikki (Dan) Deuel of Grand Island; a son, Dr. Douglas (Pam) Husmann of Rochester, MN, granddaughters, Addie (Jared) Dinslage of Hastings, NE and Jessie Husmann of Duluth, MN; a grandson, Dr. Caleb (Dr. Elizabeth) Husmann of Raleigh, NC; a stepson, Larry Madsen of Chicago, IL; a stepdaughter Marla (Bart) Bartenbach of Grand Island; a step-granddaughter, Erin (Mike) Fajardo of Arvada, CO; a step-grandson Hank (Jessica) Bartenbach of Alamogordo, NM; ten great-grandchildren, Kaya, Brayden and Lydia of Hastings, NE; Maxx and Malea of Arvada, CO; Cameron and Naomie of Alamogordo, NM; and Amaya, Riley and Taylor of O'Nele, NE; a brother, Bud (Lucille) McGee of Denver, CO; a sister, Anne Kelsey of Rockville, NE; a brother-in-law, Robert (Patricia) Wilson of Edmond, OK; a sister-in-law, Ruth (Dennis) McGee of Grand Island; beloved nieces and nephews; countless cousins; and her special friend, Tom O'Conner of Grand Island.

Her husband, Jack Madsen; her parents; a brother, Dennis McGee; and a

sister, Patricia Wilson, preceded her in death.

Donna was born on January 29, 1931 at Dodge, Nebraska, the daughter of Bert E. and Agnes (Kment) McGee. As a young person she lived in Schuyler, Richland, Columbus, Grand Island and Chapman, graduating from Chapman High School in 1948. She attended Kearney State Teachers College during her summers and taught at District #2 in Merrick County for three years.

On April 10, 1949 she was united in marriage to Kenneth Husmann. The couple farmed near Chapman until they moved to Ralston, Nebraska where she began working for Mutual of Omaha for the next 15 years. After returning to the Grand Island area in 1967, she attended St. Francis School of Nursing and the University of Nebraska at Kearney. In 1975 she received her R.N. and her bachelor's degree in Psychology. She worked for the V.A. Medical Center in Grand Island before moving to Lincoln to take a job with the Nebraska State Health Department. In 1979 she began working for the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky.

In 1981, Donna relocated to Bellevue, Nebraska and worked at the V.A. Medical Center in Omaha. On July 31, 1982 she married Jack Madsen at La Platte, Nebraska. Following their marriage, Donna began working with her husband at his State Farm Insurance Agency in Bellevue. They lived on Chris Lake in Bellevue until 1991 when they retired and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. Donna and Jack returned to Grand Island in 2000.

Donna enjoyed entertaining and gathering with her family and friends and Husker Football.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Grand Island Public School Foundation's Academic Aristocrats Program.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Madsen*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Doug and Vikki, we're thinking of you as your family gathers this evening (9/30) and tomorrow morning to remember your mom. We are sorry we can't be there to express our sympathy in person. Blessings to you and your entire family.*

Bert and Sharon Sass

Phoenix, Arizona

Bert Sass - September 30, 2015 at 12:33 PM



“ *Remember her as Donna McGee. We used to play together as children. I was a former McIntosh third cousin.*

Marilyn Hoegh - September 05, 2015 at 10:51 AM