



Donna Jean (Coots) Schmidt

August 15, 1936 - September 12, 2016

Donna Jean (Coots) Schmidt, of Grand Island left this earth at 3:30 p.m. Monday, September 12, 2016, surrounded by her loving family at home in her childhood bed. She was 80 years old.

A graveside service with burial will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery of Grand Island, NE (Southside). Reverend John Hayes will officiate. Visitation and viewing will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the cemetery prior Donna's service. All are invited. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Donna was born August 15, 1936 in Lincoln, NE, the daughter of William and Evelyn (Hitchcock) Coots. She was raised by her grandparents, Dewey and Iva Coots. Donna grew up in Lincoln, graduating from Lincoln High School, Class of 1955. She then attended St. Paul's Minnesota Bible Institute for a year.

Through the years Donna's favorite jobs were her first at Back to the Bible and her last before retirement as executive secretary for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, Inc. in California. Upon her retirement she returned to Nebraska in 1991. After retirement, Donna worked for several retail establishments and her final position was held at Walmart North of Grand Island. She was married to Norman Schmidt in 1996.

Her faith was the cornerstone of her life. Music was an important part of Donna's life. She taught many piano students, was music director and pianist at her churches, and volunteered playing the piano in the Alzheimer's unit at

Grand Island Nebraska Veterans Home. She was a Sunday school teacher and youth director for many years at many churches. Most recently she was a member of Grace Baptist Church. Donna was an avid gardener...she loved roses. She loved to dance. She loved to read and share her books with everyone! Donna loved to cook for her family and others. She was a mentor and wise counsel for many. Her work ethic was impeccable.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband; children, Ann Weisenburger (Robert Yeager, Sr) of Corpus Christi, TX, David (Donna) Murray of Grand Island, Lynn and (Woody) Widdifield of Grand Island, Jeanne (Paul) Allen of Grand Island, Karen Murray of Colorado, Daniel Flint (Jeannette Gunderson) of Maryland; and Nancy (Chris) Mayes of Colorado; a half-brother and a half-sister, Carol Coots of New Jersey; eighteen grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two nephews, Jeff (Brenda) Schmidt of Lincoln and Scott (Sheryl) Schmidt of Beatrice. Donna was truly loved by many including an extended family of friends and caregivers. She will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; sister, Deedee Schmidt; grandson, Justin David Murray Allen; and Aunt Deloris Severin. All Memorials funds should be directed to Donna's family.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

Westlawn Memorial Park
Grand Island, NE

Graveside Service

SEP 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Westlawn Memorial Park
Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Jean (Coots) Schmidt*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Jean (Coots) Schmidt.*



September 16, 2016 at 11:10 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Jean (Coots) Schmidt.*



September 15, 2016 at 12:14 AM