



Donna Aldrich

December 27, 1930 - April 14, 2019

The Memorial Mass Donna Aldrich of Wadena, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, at the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Friends may call at the church on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass.

Donna, age 88, passed away on Sunday, April 14, 2019, at the Fair Oaks Lodge, Wadena, MN.

Madonna "Donna" Lorraine Aldrich was born to Albert and Katherine "Katie" Johnson on December 27, 1930, in Bluffton Township, Minnesota. She graduated from Wadena High School in 1948 and married Kenneth (Ken) Aldrich on October 11, 1948. They were happily married for over 66 years. Ken and Donna made their home in Wadena, and in retirement, spent many winter months in Mesa, Arizona.

She was active in Girl Scouting, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for over 50 years, and was the 7th District DFL Chairwoman. She received an invitation and attended John F. Kennedy's inauguration in Washington DC and entertained many prominent DFL politicians at her home.

She owned Donna's Ceramics where she taught for many years. She enjoyed traveling and taking cruises, including several trips to Sweden to research

family history. Donna loved camping with the Holiday Ramblers, and was a member of the Wadena Homemakers Group and Red Hat Society. Her hobbies included crafting, oil painting, canning, cooking, and entertaining with friends and family.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband Ken in 2015, parents Albert and Katherine Johnson, sisters Marian Ciota and Bernice Brown, and son-in-law William Goedtel.

She is survived by children Barbara (Michael) Engelmann of Scottsdale, AZ; Michael of Wadena, MN; Debra Goedtel of Indio, CA; and Mary (Bruce) Evjen of Alexandria; 11 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren; sisters Shirley (Clarence Klauer) Pelletier of East Moline, IL; and Carol (Mario) DeMatteis of St. Michael, MN; along with a host of friends.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

APR 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall

NB

“ *Naomi Brust lit a candle in memory of Donna Aldrich*



Naomi Brust - April 23, 2019 at 01:24 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Aldrich.*



April 18, 2019 at 03:38 PM

HK

“ *So many wonderful memories with Donna and with Ken, both in AZ and MN.
Prayers for the Family... She certainly left everyone with awesome memories. God Bless all of you.
John and Helga Kofoed Mapleton, MN*

Helga and John Kofoed - April 18, 2019 at 08:35 AM

BE

Helgaand John, Thank you for all your weekly postcards, they meant so much to mom.

Barb Engelmann - April 19, 2019 at 09:36 AM

RL

“ *Ruby L Lynk lit a candle in memory of Donna Aldrich*



Ruby L Lynk - April 17, 2019 at 10:07 PM



“ *William Schorsch lit a candle in memory of Donna Aldrich*



William Schorsch - April 17, 2019 at 09:11 PM

KM

“ *I enjoyed going to ceramics at Donna's for several years.*



Karen (Thomson) Munson - April 17, 2019 at 01:50 PM

HA

“ *Helen Allee lit a candle in memory of Donna Aldrich*



Helen Allee - April 17, 2019 at 10:15 AM

DA

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Donna. God bless your memories which will keep her close at heart. 🙏

Di Anderson - April 16, 2019 at 10:29 PM

TB

“ I was able to get to know Donna over the last couple years after she moved into The Meadows. She loved to visit and always had a positive spin to most everything! She was active and a night owl and we will miss her! To the family of Donna, she talked about you all and I had the pleasure in meeting and speaking with you all. I hope you all can find peace in her passing. Blessings to your family during this time. She will be missed.

Tabetha Boe - April 16, 2019 at 05:21 PM

JS

“ Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Donna Aldrich



Jim Stoneman - April 16, 2019 at 04:06 PM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Donna Aldrich



Mike and Lea Snyder - April 16, 2019 at 08:31 AM

LW

“ *My deepest sympathy to you all for the loss of your mom. I so enjoyed spending time playing cards around the kitchen table. Donna became a very special lady to me. She always welcomed us spending time with Debbie at the house. Many stories and always laughter. I was privileged to see Donna again about a year ago shortly after her move to The Meadows. It was so good to speak of those fun times and catch up on her family. I pray you will find God's comfort in the love many shared for your mom.*

*Sincerely,
Lin Olson Winger*

Linette Winger - April 15, 2019 at 10:33 PM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Donna Aldrich*



Esther and Alan Freitag - April 15, 2019 at 09:23 PM