



Donna Conzemius

June 16, 1928 - December 3, 2013

The Mass of Christian Burial for Donna Conzemius will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2013, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Friends may call on Friday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 4:00-8:00p.m. with a Rosary at 5:00 and Parish Prayers at 6:00. Visitation will resume on Saturday, at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. With her loving husband of 62 years by her side, Donna passed away at the age of 85, on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, under the gentle care of Legacy Hospice.

Donna Mae Brossoit was born on June 16, 1928, the twin daughter of George and Emma (Kleinwachter) Brossoit, in Thief River Falls, MN. Donna attended St. Bernard's School, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1946. She attended University of Minnesota Duluth for one year, then returned home to work, at which time she was crowned Miss Thief River Falls 1948. She received her Associate of Arts Education degree from Moorhead State Teacher's College in 1951.

Donna was united in marriage with John C. Conzemius on June 30, 1951 in Thief River Falls. They made their life-time home in Wadena, where she taught in the Wadena School District. A proud disciple of Christ, Donna was a devoted wife and mother. She enjoyed numerous hobbies including painting,

crafts and figure skating. Donna was active in many service and community events, including Christian Women, Christian Mothers, Catholic Order of Forresters and Relay for Life. Known for doing random acts of kindness, Donna enjoyed helping others and living in the same wonderful neighborhood for 62 years. She will be remembered as the head cheerleader for her career coach husband, children and grandchildren.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband, John; her three children, daughter Cathy (Thom) Peterson, Park Rapids, MN, son Tom (Laurie) Conzemius, Park Rapids, MN, and son Mark (Jeanie) Conzemius, Sioux Falls, SD; seven grandchildren, Sara (Robb) Swanson, Katie (Paul) Johanning, Maria Conzemius, Joel Conzemius, Paul Conzemius, Anne Conzemius and Helen Conzemius; and three great grandchildren; twin brother, Don Brossoit, Rochster, MN and sister, Lorraine Waage, Wayzata, MN; and many life-long neighbors, special friends and family.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Alice (Truman) Hemmestvedt and Jean (Bob) Johnston; brother-in-law Donn Waage and sister-in-law, Rosemary Brossoit.

Memorials preferred to Wadena County Relay for Life or Legacy Home Health & Hospice Services.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

DEC 7. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Conzemius*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I'm not surprised to see that so many others were so close to Donna. She just pulled you into her inner circle when you'd meet her. She was my best encourager and brought so much hope to my life as she lived her life for Jesus and how He helped her live a life of promise and a future. What a wonderful witness for His love was she!*

I will miss her incredible optimism. My daughter, Jan, sends her sympathy to the family as I do at this time. What a huge amount of memories we have.

Marion Manthei

Marion (Mrs Chuck) Manthei - December 16, 2013 at 07:48 PM

SE

“ *Scott Erickson lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius*



Scott Erickson - December 10, 2013 at 09:16 AM

PL

“ Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius



Pat Lorentz - December 08, 2013 at 04:28 PM

DS

“ Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius



Dave Schumacher - December 07, 2013 at 05:49 PM

DR

“ Jeanie and Mark and family, we are praying for you and thinking about you today. Wish we could be there.
Love you all,
Deanna & Hugh and family

Deanna Reilly - December 07, 2013 at 01:21 PM

BL

“ Becky Nau Legun lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius



Becky Nau Legun - December 06, 2013 at 08:08 PM

MN

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Donna; she was always so friendly and cheerful. We enjoyed reminiscing about the "old" days (41 years ago!) when we were the first art teachers in the Wadena Elementary School, and when we used to go ice skating together and she tried to teach me some fancy figure skating moves! I'm so glad that I had a good visit with Donna at Fair Oaks Lodge recently, and I am very sorry that Luther and I will not be able to celebrate her life with everybody Saturday morning. We will be there in spirit and prayers! Marilyn Nervig



Marilyn Nervig - December 06, 2013 at 02:44 PM

Alan Schumach

“ Alan Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius



Alan Schumacher - December 06, 2013 at 11:13 AM

JH

“ Jay Hutson lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius



Jay Hutson - December 06, 2013 at 09:52 AM

MT

“ *Missy Tabery lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius*



Missy Tabery - December 06, 2013 at 08:08 AM

LH

“ *Leann Hess lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius*



Leann Hess - December 05, 2013 at 10:40 PM

CD

“ *Carol Derby lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius*



Carol Derby - December 05, 2013 at 05:52 PM

ML

“ I will always remember what a sweet, gentle and caring person she was. I enjoyed spending time at their home after Wadena football games with my parents and Donna and John while growing up.

My mother and Donna had much in common growing up together in Thief River and then marrying and building their lives with husbands who taught and coached together for so many years in Wadena. Donna was the number one fan of Wadena Indians Football for so many years!

May God be with you all and know that you will see her again. Her memory lives on through all of you.

Mark Larson

Mark Larson - December 05, 2013 at 04:50 PM

NO

“ Auntie Donna was always there for me when I was a child, giving me lots of support and advice. She made feel special by choosing me to be her flower girl. I loved her very much and wish I could be there with you Uncle John and cousins Cathy, Tom and Mark. She was truly a special lady!

Nancy Nornes Olson - December 05, 2013 at 11:00 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Conzemius.



December 05, 2013 at 10:32 AM

NW

“ Nancy Werner lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius



Nancy Werner - December 05, 2013 at 10:15 AM

TA

“ Although I only had the opportunity to meet Donna on a few occasions, I was always impressed with the impact she had on this world. John and Donna raised some incredible children and that will be one of their many lasting legacies. I have valued my lifetime friendship with Mark and know that he is who he is, in great part, because of his parents. Sending thoughts and prayers your way this week!

Terry Adams - December 05, 2013 at 09:42 AM

JT

“ Our Mother, Marilyn Peltoniemi, had wonderful visits at Fair Oaks Lodge with Donna reminiscing about being neighbors and raising their children. So glad they had that meaningful time together. Thoughts and prayers to her family.

Joan Peltoniemi Tait - December 05, 2013 at 09:28 AM

JT

“ Joan Peltoniemi Tait lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius



Joan Peltoniemi Tait - December 05, 2013 at 09:19 AM

JH

“ *Jane Hieb lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius*



jane hieb - December 05, 2013 at 09:17 AM

MC

“ *Maren Larson Crabb lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius*



Maren Larson Crabb - December 05, 2013 at 08:51 AM

MC

The Larson children remember Donna as such a caring and thoughtful person. She was so wonderful with our mother during her days with Alzheimer's Disease. Our prayers are with you all during this time.

Maren Larson Crabb - December 05, 2013 at 08:55 AM

MF

“ *Our sympathy to the Conzemius family~~~Mike and Marie Fraune*



Mike and Marie Fraune - December 05, 2013 at 08:35 AM

JA

“ *Judy Vierkant Ament lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius*



Judy Vierkant Ament - December 05, 2013 at 08:10 AM

DA

“ *Holding all of you, Donna's dear family, in thought and prayer. Hugs, Diane S/A*

Diane Schiller Anderson - December 04, 2013 at 10:26 PM

DA

“ *Diane Schiller Anderson lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius*



Diane Schiller Anderson - December 04, 2013 at 10:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Conzemius.*



December 04, 2013 at 08:12 PM

MM

“ *Dear Family,
Please accept our deepest and sincere sympathy. Donna was a wonderful wife and mom to a great family. Mike and Karen Mueller*

Mike and Karen Mueller - December 04, 2013 at 06:12 PM

MM

“ *Mike And Karen Mueller lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius*



Mike and Karen Mueller - December 04, 2013 at 06:07 PM

LW

“ *Lane And Donna Waldahl lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius*



Lane and Donna Waldahl - December 04, 2013 at 04:09 PM

BP

“ *Bernie And Therese Pavek lit a candle in memory of Donna Conzemius*



Bernie and Therese Pavek - December 04, 2013 at 12:48 PM

TC

“ *God Bless you our dear friend Donna.*

Ginna, Pam, Emily and Niki Canning



The Canning's - December 04, 2013 at 12:36 PM