



Donna Thiel

March 13, 1929 - July 13, 2017

The funeral service for Donna Thiel of Staples, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples, with Pastor Robin Collins presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

With family at her side, Donna, 88, passed away on July 13, 2017 at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples, MN.

Donna Adelaide Thiel was born March 13, 1929 to parents Joseph and Verna Dubbels in Lincoln, Minnesota. She was raised on the family farm and graduated from Motley High School in 1946. She married Robert Thiel on July 30, 1948. Their union was blessed with five children. She enjoyed a long career as a teacher in many environments, starting at Lone Birch School in rural Staples at age 18. She later taught in Special Education, Head Start, and had a long career as a substitute teacher in the Bertha-Hewitt schools.

She will be remembered as a woman who loved flowers and gardening, and was an amazing cook, and baker. She had a knack for canning, she was a State Fair winner in canning at the age of 11. Throughout her life she loved to sing, and shared her gifts as a singer and choir director. Her lovely soprano voice was well known in the community.

She was a lifelong Lutheran, and shared her devotion to the church in many ways; choir director, Sunday school teacher, Ladies' Guild, youth group counselor, and a founding Board member of Family of Christ Lutheran School in Baxter, MN. Her faith in God was her guide throughout her life, and that passion never wavered. She spent 63 years with the love of her life, and the family they raised were her greatest joy. Not just her own children and grandchildren, but all children, were cherished. Donna was a woman of strong character and convictions. She faced the world head on, and without reservation. She leaves memories of spirited conversations, lively songs, delicious desserts, and warm companionship.

She will be greeted in heaven by her husband Robert, her parents, four of her siblings, and her son Terrance.

She is survived by her children; Lynnell Thiel, R. Brad (Susan) Thiel , LeeAnn (Jeffrey) Thimell, Ryan (Carolyn Petrie) Thiel, and her brother, Joe Dubbels, as well as grandchildren; Heidi Boster, Paul Williamson, T. J. Thiel, Sarai Sharkey, Lauren Beitler, Zoe Thiel, Tristan Thiel, Cameron Beitler, Stephen Thimell, Selina Ludolph, Griffin Thiel, and Rowan Thiel.

Serving as pallbearers will be Heidi Boster, Lauren Beitler, Zoe Thiel, Tristan Thiel, Cameron Beitler, Stephen Thimell, Selina Ludolph, Griffin Thiel, and Rowan Thiel.

Interment will be at Moran-Germania Cemetery in rural Staples, MN.

Memorials preferred to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples, MN.

Cemetery Details

Moran - Germania Cemetery

22477 430th St. & 225th Ave.
Staples, MN 56479

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church - Staples
1000 4th St. NE
Staples, MN 56479

Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 15, 2017 at 04:00 PM

DL

So sorry to hear of your loss. My Mom has been gone for 19 years I think of her every day and miss of the great times we had. Cherish the fun memories that you had with her. My thoughts and prayers are with you Brad and your family. Love to all Denny Lorenz

Denny lorenz - July 16, 2017 at 12:18 PM

CC

Sorry to hear of Aunt Donna's passing. The video tribute is wonderful, so many beautiful photos. I remember many family gatherings with Aunt Donna and Uncle Bob. They always had delicious food and good conversation, making me, and my family, feel welcome and comfortable, always the lovely host and hostess. My thoughts will be with your family tomorrow, as I am unable to attend Aunt Donna's funeral. Cecilie Schumacher-Cookman

Cecilie Cookman - July 17, 2017 at 11:22 AM

SM

Sympathy to all of you in the loss of your mom. She was the last living of that generation from our little country neighborhood. I have many memories from growing up - Donna was kind, thoughtful and very giving of her time and talents. Even as kid, I remember thinking your yard was always so beautiful with her many flower gardens. May Blessings abound as you ponder and smile at the numerous memories. Sharon (Messer) Meyerring

Sharon Meyerring - July 17, 2017 at 05:25 PM



“ *Debbie Jacobson Conn lit a candle in memory of Donna Thiel*



Debbie Jacobson Conn - August 24, 2017 at 07:25 PM

DF

“ *After one of my visits to see my mom at the care center, my granddaughter and I visited with Donna. She was so sweet and kind, and I loved hearing that she was a teacher and ma y other stories. After visiting for a little while, Donna gave my granddaughter a stuffed giraffe. She was kind and compassionate and and always encouraged my mom to eat at the dining table. What a kind, caring person.*

Debbie Foster - August 03, 2017 at 08:24 PM

HS

“ *Heidi Stokes lit a candle in memory of Donna Thiel*



Heidi Stokes - July 20, 2017 at 10:48 AM

DO

“ *Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Donna Thiel*



Doug and Joan Ostlund - July 18, 2017 at 10:28 PM

CK

“ Carol Kolpek lit a candle in memory of Donna Thiel



Carol Kolpek - July 18, 2017 at 09:22 AM

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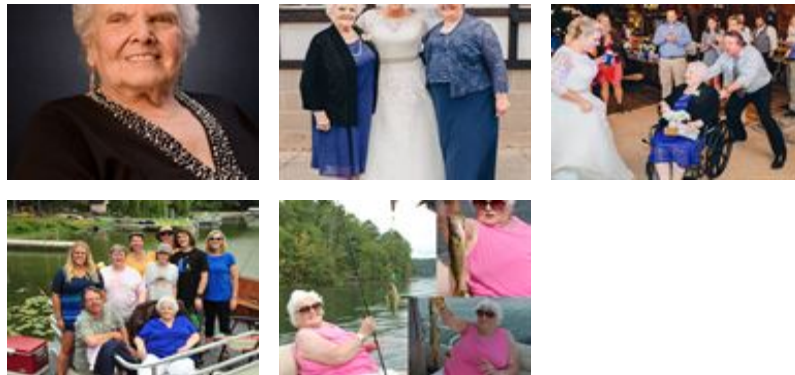
“ Diane Teigland lit a candle in memory of Donna Thiel



Diane Teigland - July 16, 2017 at 06:47 PM



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Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 15, 2017 at 03:51 PM