



Donna Schmidt

October 19, 1927 - February 6, 2019

Donna Parkin Schmidt, 91, of Pocatello, returned to her heavenly home on February 6, 2019. She died of natural causes, due to age, at her son's home.

Donna was born on October 19, 1927 to Don Carlos Parkin and Ethel Eliza Christensen in Cowley, Wyoming. Donna was the 6th of seven children.

Donna spent her early years in Cowley and Basin Wyoming. She graduated from Basin High School in 1945. Following graduation, she worked in San Francisco, CA as a teletypist. She later moved to Idaho Falls, ID where she met Harold Daniel Schmidt. They were married on Aug. 20, 1948 in Basin, Wyoming. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. Harold and Donna made their family home in Fort Hall, ID where they lived for 55 years. Donna was a wonderful cook and homemaker. She loved to sew and quilt and made clothing and quilts for her loved ones. She worked as a school cook at Fort Hall Elementary for 23 years.

She retired in 1991. During retirement, she enjoyed family gatherings, socializing with friends, and crocheting. She crocheted hundreds of items for the Humanitarian Aid Project, the Veterans Home, and local hospitals. Her family and friends were also happy recipients of her beautiful handiwork.

After the death of her husband, Harold, Donna moved to Cottonwood Cove Retirement Community where she lived for 7 years. For the past year, she resided with her son, Stephen, and daughter-in-law, Monna.

Donna was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and served in Relief Society and Primary.

Donna is survived by her daughter Marsha (Gary) Delaney of Pingree, ID, son Stephen (Monna) Schmidt of Blackfoot, ID, daughter Rhonda (Al) Silvers of Fresno, CA, son Richard "Rick" Schmidt of Fort Hall, ID, and daughter Cynthia (Pat) Nunez of Lewiston, ID,

as well as 21 grandchildren, 41 Great Grandchildren, and several great-great grandchildren. Donna is preceded in death by her husband Harold, son Michael, infant daughter Jana Kay, and granddaughter Christina Delaney.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Wilks Funeral Home, 211 W. Chubbuck Road, Chubbuck, ID, with a viewing prior from 11:45 am - 12:45 pm. Interment at Grove City Cemetery, Blackfoot, ID.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family under the "tribute wall" tab above.

Events

FEB **Viewing** 11:45AM - 12:45PM

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Wilks Funeral Home

211 W. Chubbuck Road, Chubbuck, ID, US, 83202

FEB **Funeral Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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FEB **Graveside Service**

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Grove City Cemetery

1 Willow Drive, Blackfoot, ID, US, 83221

Comments



“ I miss my mom, I miss the nights we stayed up talking and laughing. Mom had the greatest sense of humor. She was so talented, her crocheting was the center of her life after her family was all grown up. Mom was always there if you needed a sounding board or if you needed a hug. Her advice was always, you be the bigger person and forgive. Mom lived by her advice, she was always the bigger person. I said to her many times "I don't know how you ever handle all of us kids and the things we put you through". She would just grin and say I Love You. Mom loved us as individuals, realizing we all had different needs, she never judged us, mom was our rock. Her memories will be cherished the rest of our lives. We all wish we had more time to be with her, mom lived a long life, we are so thankful to have her as long as we did, I thank God for her life and the life she gave me, the love we shared and the respectful person she was. I Love you, Mom.

Rhonda Silvers - February 16 at 11:44 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Schmidt.



February 10 at 10:47 PM



“ Donna was my teacher in Primary. She was always so loving and kind.
Richard Horner

Richard Horner - February 10 at 12:19 AM



“ Thank Richard for your tribute. She was so thankful for the Fort Hall Ward. She loved the ward family, and because the church house was so close to our home, Mom was able to take us children to Sunday meetings and Primary when she had no car to get us there. Your family was amongst the stalwart and we enjoyed your friendships.

Marsha Delaney - February 14 at 08:36 PM



“ 78 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wilks Funeral Home - February 09 at 01:35 PM



“ Lynn Schmidt & Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Donna Schmidt.



Lynn Schmidt & Family - February 08 at 09:34 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed so many visits with aunt Donna. My mom, Phyllis Parkin Thomas and I would go spend a few hours with her a few times a year and she always sent us home with crocheted towels she had done. I took my kids with us one time so they could meet her and listen to stories about their great grandparents and she made sure each of them went home with some towels she had done. She was so fun to visit with.

nicole toner - February 08 at 08:20 AM



“ Thank you for your comment and tribute. Mom often talked about Phyllis and the visits from you. She really appreciated visiting with her extended family. After dad passed and she moved into the Cove, her time was spent socializing and crocheting. We only wish we had kept a count of the articles she completed throughout the years. She shared her talent with many and those who visited were always sent away with one of her handiworks. She lost most of her eyesight during the last few month of her life. This was very frustrating for her. We will treasure those precious last items she worked on. Thanks so much and let Phyllis know mom loved her.

Marsha Delaney - February 14 at 08:45 PM