



Donna Jean Henrich

August 28, 1939 - June 16, 2023

Donna Jean Henrich, 83, passed away June 16, 2023, at Accura HealthCare in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

She was born August 28, 1939, in Mallard, Iowa, to Frank “Biz” and Velma (née Steen) Boyd.

Donna grew up in Newell, Iowa, where she met her longtime love Dennis Henrich in 4th grade. At Newell High School, she was a drum major, basketball player and football cheerleader. On May 10, 1958 — a year after graduation — she and Dennis married at the Newell United Methodist Church.

The couple resided in Newell, Council Bluffs and Cedar Falls, Iowa, before moving in 1964 to Cherokee, Iowa, where they raised their two daughters.

Donna was a frequent actor in Cherokee Community Theatre productions. She also was a member of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church choir and many bridge clubs. An avid reader, Donna opened The Bookseller in Cherokee in 1977, and later owned and operated The Bookseller II in Spirit Lake, Iowa, where she and Dennis had a home on East Lake Okoboji.

Donna cherished her time with friends and family at the lake, especially playing Shanghai rummy and watching her grandsons swim off the dock. She and Dennis traveled many winters, most frequently to Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Wherever she was, she never missed an opportunity to dance with her husband — at the Cobblestone Ballroom, the Cherokee Country Club and wedding receptions — especially to big band music.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Dennis Henrich; daughters Jennifer Henrich and Amy (Tim) Hynds, and grandsons Nicholas and Nathan Hynds, all of Sioux City, Iowa; sisters-in-law Elayne Boyd of Iowa City, Iowa, and Coleen (Arvid) Baughman of Storm Lake, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Jeanette Galbraith, brothers Frank Boyd, Jr. and Steen Boyd; brother-in-law Lloyd Galbraith; and childhood friend Irene Wilson.

Family will be present for a visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 23, at Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Donna's memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 24, at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park, Iowa, followed by a luncheon at the church. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Calvary UMC Youth Fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Robinson Funeral Home
2317 32nd Street
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
robinson@spiritlekefuneralhome.com
<http://www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary United Methodist Church
679 W. Okoboji Rd.
Arnolds Park, IA 51331

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Jean Henrich*



Robinson Funeral Home - June 23, 2023 at 01:16 PM

MH

Sending condolences from Muscatine to Donna's family. Donna and I are first cousins in the Boyd family. She was always a "fun" person to spend time with at family reunions.

Marlene Hanifan - June 24, 2023 at 10:02 AM

GS

“ *Denny,
I am very sorry to read about the passing of your wife Donna. I hope this message reaches you. I was out of town when the newspaper arrived. I get the paper a week to ten days late. I thought that I had your personal address but I guess that it had been so long since I communicated with you that it is on an old computer. Since Eleanor passed away I have lost track of a lot of people. She was my contact with Newell friends and my relatives.*

I have fond memories of both of you and know how tough it will be without her.

Gary Sundberg

gsds96111@gmail.com

Gary Sunderg - July 09, 2023 at 05:07 PM

DS

“ Dennis; Sorry for your loss. my sympathy to you and your family.
Darlene Schmillen

Darlene Schmillen - June 22, 2023 at 03:08 PM

AH

“ Denny; Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Many great memories of Donna and you. Prayers for God's comfort to you and the girls and family.
Fred and Arlene Hollenbeck

Arlene Hollenbeck - June 21, 2023 at 05:33 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Henrich.



June 21, 2023 at 03:58 PM

KH

“ Keeping Donna's family in my thoughts. I remember spending hours in the Bookseller as a kid, reading books, talking to her, and asking her to bring in certain series. She was always up to bring in the Star Trek books I loved so much and still have. She will definitely be missed.

Kelly Heinen - June 21, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Henrich.*



June 20, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Henrich.*



June 19, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ *It has been so long since I have seen any of you, however, I know mom (Arlene Boyd) and my brother and sisters recently reconnected in Papillon NE.
My memories are all Happy ones! God Bless you all! I will be thinking of you!
Mary Boyd Billman*

Mary Boyd Billman - June 19, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Henrich.*



June 19, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Amy and family,*

On behalf of Trinity Health and MercyOne, we send our sincere condolences to all of you at this sad time. May Donna's memory as a loving mother provide comfort in the days ahead.

With sympathy,

Jane Griffin

Jane Griffin - June 19, 2023 at 02:28 PM

LG

“ *Jenny- my thoughts are with you and your dad and sister at this time. So Sorry for your loss. Lori (Heisler) Goc*

Lori Goc - June 19, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Henrich.*



June 19, 2023 at 01:47 PM

KH

“ *Kristi Heitner lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Henrich*



kristi Heitner - June 18, 2023 at 02:10 PM

LD

“ We will all miss Donna's smiling eyes. I have such good memories of her at family gatherings. Love and hugs to you, Denny. I'm thinking of you even though I won't be able to attend the funeral. I love you. Lindsay

Lindsay Darling - June 18, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Henrich.



June 17, 2023 at 10:01 PM

VW

“ So sorry for your loss of a great lady & we have good memories growing up with Donna & her laugh!! Thinking of you all!! 🙏💕 Val & Mark Woodrum & family



Valerie Woodrum - June 17, 2023 at 05:17 PM

JW

“ Julie Jean Wilson lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Henrich



Julie Jean Wilson - June 17, 2023 at 05:04 PM

JW

Too many great memories with Donna, Jennifer Irene, and Amy. Donna was my Mom's first and best friend for life. Love to ALL

Julie Jean Wilson - June 17, 2023 at 05:07 PM

AL

We shared a birthday , Donna and I , with Gary Bowers and Pete Wildeman and then decided to include our spouses and the the fun began.....such great memories of neighborhood "shenanigans"... the "little store" and bridge club...lots of togetherness that blessed us all... love to you Denny , Jenny and Amy and family Ande

Andrea leatherman - June 19, 2023 at 06:59 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Stockdale lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Henrich*



Kathy Stockdale - June 17, 2023 at 03:22 PM