



Donna Marie Carpenter

March 7, 1939 - December 5, 2017

Donna Marie Carpenter, 78, of Central City died on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at St Elizabeth's in Lincoln. Memorial Services will be Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Central City United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Clyde Carpenter officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to each person's individual church's education program and condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Donna was born on March 7, 1939 to Leonard and Augusta (Leu) Rakowsky in Battle Creek, Nebraska. She grew up in Battle Creek, attended a Lutheran school, and graduated from Battle Creek High School. After graduation she attended community college in Norfolk for two years.

Donna married Donald Wichman and Ron Hedlund. She then married Rev. Dr. Clyde Carpenter on June 7, 1987 in Osmond, NE.

Donna served as assistant pastor in the then Custer Parish comprised of United Methodist Churches in Broken Bow, Anselmo, Myrna, Berwyn, Ansley and Westerville. She and her husband, Clyde, moved to Northern Nebraska in 1995. Donna served Boyd and Knox Parish and lived in Niobrara. Donna retired in July of 2004, her successor had a stroke and Donna went back to serve there again for 15 months before moving to Central City. In her retirement she served as quarter time pastor for Chapman United Methodist Church.

Donna and Clyde had a blended family and considered them all alike.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband; Clyde, children; Marcia (David) Prahl of Torrington, WY, Dianna (Randy) Novotny of Omaha, Dean Wichman of Battle Creek, Steve (Donna) Wichman of Central City and Susan (Jerry) Paup of Central City, NE; Brett Hedlund of California, Lance Hedlund of Lincoln, Carl (Kathy) Carpenter of Kerrville TX, Michele (Dennis) Spaulding of Buffalo, NY, Scott (Sandra) Carpenter of Fayetteville, GA, Eric Carpenter of Atlanta, GA, and Janice (David) Weidner of Sioux Falls, SD; Christy (Justin) Nichols of Curtis, NE; one brother- Douglas Rakowsky of Battle Creek,NE; many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband -Ron Hedlund, and her son, Michael Wichman; one great granddaughter- Addison Grace Djernes.

Cemetery Details

At a Later Date

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church, Central City

Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Pastor Sandy and family. Donna truly had a love for Gods' people that was deep,sincere and genuine. I know how dedicated She was in serving the congregations in the Niobrara area and elsewhere. It's been said that laughter is the best medicine. Her laugh was truly a gift. It was distinct,came easily, and was joyful. For me the hearing a good laugh is good medicine too.*

David Canaday - December 17, 2017 at 03:34 PM

DL

“ *Oh what precious memories Donna left with me in Broken Bow! What a source of strength and encouragement. She was a beautiful person who showed God's love for everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Donna Lawson - December 13, 2017 at 10:47 PM

MR

“ *I had the privilege of sharing Donna and her Husbands time when they lived in Niobrara. Every Thursday with the help of Kris Kotrous I organized and taught KIDS FOR CHRIST (KFC) program for several years. Donna and Sandy were both there to help when needed, sometimes with music or to share Gods word with the kids. It was a special time in my life and Donna always made every day special. She'll always have a special place in my heart of memories.*
Marla Reynolds

marla Reynolds - December 13, 2017 at 09:59 PM

SM

“ Donna was a friend when I needed one most. Words cannot express how much she did for me. She helped me see how God loved me, and that He still had a bright future for me. She taught me how to sing again. I will always remember her caring heart and her comforting words. I know she is enjoying her time with the Lord. So blessed to have known this amazing woman.

Sending love and prayers to her husband and family. May God bless you with joyful memories of your wonderful mother and wife.

Stephanie McLaughlin

Stephanie McLaughlin - December 13, 2017 at 07:40 PM

VW

“ We enjoyed visiting with Donna when the ministers would gather. She was a wonderful hostess at the Chapman church when we would go there for the Merrick County Men's Lenten breakfasts.
Pastor Valjean & Ann Warman

Valjean Warman - December 13, 2017 at 02:49 PM

SR

“ What a wonderful lady, I was blessed to know her thru my years growing up in Plerce with her great family. She had a kind and gentle spirit, with such love in her heart. To the family, sending hugs and love, I know you all carry a special part of her and will keep her spirit burning bright.

Love,

Sandra Ronnfeldt

Sandra Ronnfeldt - December 13, 2017 at 02:13 PM

RR

“ *I remember Donna as the person always interested in each person and the laughter that was distinctly Donna. She made persons feel joyful and comforted. She was a blessing. Rev. Earl Reed*

Rev. Earl Reed - December 13, 2017 at 02:06 PM

JH

“ *Donna was a special person and helped me grow as a Christian. Our family will always remember her support and her love for her church God.*

Jeff Hart

Jeff Hart - December 13, 2017 at 08:30 AM