



## Deanna Arnold

December 12, 1950 - November 28, 2025

NORFOLK -- Deanna Kehaulani Arnold, 74, of Norfolk, Nebraska went home to be with the Lord on November 28, 2025. She was a cherished mother, grandmother and friend, and her presence will be deeply missed. All are invited to a graveside service at Greenwood Cemetery (outside of Trumbull, NE) at 10:30am on December 12, where she will be laid to rest next to Ron. A luncheon will follow at Trumbull Christian Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that people who want to contribute to Deanna's charity please do so at this link: <https://give.mohiafrica.org/donate/in-memory-of-deanna>

Dee was born on December 12, 1950 to Walter and Elsie Pavlik in rural Verdigre, Nebraska. She grew up helping out on the family farm, walking to country school until she graduated from Verdigre High School in 1969. She then attended Kearney State College, where she met and married Ron Arnold in 1970. They lived in Kearney until Ron was called to the ministry in Salt Lake City, Utah. Ron and Dee had two children, Lance and Rocky, born in 1974 and 1975, respectively. In 1979, they moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, where Ron was an associate pastor at Kaimuki Christian Church. They lived in Hawaii from 1979 - 2022, except for four years in Klamath Falls, Oregon (1989 - 1993). After the passing of her husband Ron in 2018, she remained in Hawaii until 2022, when she moved to Norfolk, Nebraska to be close to her oldest son Lance, his family and her two sisters.

Dee lived out her purpose as a Pastor's wife, loving and serving the people of Kaimuki Christian Church in Honolulu (Oahu) for forty years. Dee was involved in every aspect of the church: helping with the kids in Sunday School, teaching preschool in the church's school, leading new believers through the basics of Christianity, setting up for potlucks, leading women's groups and traveling worldwide to spread the Gospel message. These travels took Dee to all ends of the earth, including Samoa, Thailand, Kenya, Jordan, Europe, Israel and the Philippines. Dee remains beloved by the Kaimuki family, as she maintained many close friendships and relationships from afar. Her love for her husband Ron and her children and their families was matched only by her love for the Lord and her church community.

Dee is survived by her sons and their wives Lance and Ilene of Norfolk, Nebraska, and Rocky and Anadara of Carlsbad, California. Her grandkids are Colt (23), Callie (21), Brooks (15) and Weston (12). Dee is also survived by her two sisters, Alice and Mike (husband) Hoferer of Creighton, Nebraska and Dorothy and Marc (husband) Mastalir of Verdigre, Nebraska.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be sent to Missions of Hope International, a child-sponsoring organization in Kenya which was close to Deanna's heart.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

32171 Road B  
Trumbull, NE 68980

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall


DP

“ *May God grant the family peace in the pain of grief. Shalom. Clay Perkins, Financial Planning Ministry, FPM*

D. Clay Perkins - December 12, 2025 at 03:14 PM

LM

“ *We were sad to hear of Deanna's passing...a dear forever friend & classmate. Our most sincere & heartfelt sympathy to all of her family. We were blessed by Deanna's friendship and will always cherish that friendship. She will be missed. Such a sweet person. Deanna & Ron, a beautiful couple that brought Faith, Hope, & Love to people wherever they went. Together again now with their Lord in heaven. Peace be with them & peace be with their loved ones. Our thoughts & prayers are with all. God Bless!*



*Sending Love & Hug's, Lynette & James Mlady*

Lynette & James Mlady - December 09, 2025 at 11:52 AM

RS

“ *Deanna was a good friend and classmate of mine in Verdigre. She was not only beautiful, she was also fun, caring and genuine. I just wanted to send you warm thoughts, and to let you know that a donation was made to Missions of Hope International. Also, I would like to let you know that I am so sorry that you lost this wonderful person so early. May you find comfort in your memories of this sweet person. Rita (Mlinar) Shaw*

Rita Shaw - December 07, 2025 at 03:37 PM

SH

“ Deepest sympathy to you all. I got to meet and visit with Deanna at the fun run in Verdigre this past summer. She was very kind and easy to talk to. May the good memories you have comfort you all at this time. You're in my thoughts and prayers.  
Shawna

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**shawna** - December 04, 2025 at 01:39 AM

CW

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Dee's passing. I was blessed to met her through First Christian Church after she moved to Norfolk. What a sweet, gentle, lady! Praying that God encourages you as you fondly recall memories and look forward to your heavenly reunion.

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**Carolyn Warren** - December 01, 2025 at 02:29 PM

SS

“ As a member of the same high school class, it is sad to hear of Deanna's passing. I remember her attending on 50th class reunion. Deanna looked and sounded great. So sad to see one of our classes nicest persons leaving us. My best to the family and now she'll be reunited with husband Ron another terrific person. Blessings to all family and friends.

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**Steve Schreier** - November 29, 2025 at 12:36 AM

LA

Thankyou steve for your kind words.lance arnold

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**Lance arnold** - November 30, 2025 at 05:51 PM

JJ

*As a high school classmate of Deanna, we sat beside one another in Mrs Best's geometry class... she helped me with theorems which she understood and I never did... it was great to reconnect with Deanna at the Verdigre 1969 class reunion...my prayers and thoughts are with Deanna and her family!*

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**Jack Jensen** - December 01, 2025 at 04:47 PM

RS

*I was a high school classmate of Deanna. Also I was at Kearney State College when Ron and Deanna were there. It was good to see her at the 1969 high school class reunion. With my deepest sympathy.  
Richard Soucek*

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**Richard Soucek** - December 02, 2025 at 07:13 AM

CW

*Deanna was a really good high school cheerleader. A little-known fact about her is that she was terrific in track. At the time high school track was not sanctioned for girls. The O'Neill Jaycees sponsored a track and field meet for boys and girls. She won the 440 yd. dash by a big margin. She would have been a champion many times. Deanna was called to be on Christian missions and ran her life with the lord. Cleve Walstrom*

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**cleve walstrom** - December 02, 2025 at 07:03 PM

JV

*Deanna was a classmate of mine (class of 69) Always enjoyed seeing her& visiting with her.She was our daughter in laws aunt-she was truly a special person. Hugs & prayers to her family. James & Terri Vesely*

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**James &Terri Vesely** - December 03, 2025 at 02:08 PM

SR

*Deanna , was more than a classmate and friend. She was like a sister, as we traveled through our school years together. We worked together in O'Neill, Ne at a drive-in, opening and closing the restaurant, so the owner , who was semi retired, didn't have to . This was the summer of our junior year. We stayed in the basement of the owner's house, that summer. It was a life lesson for us, but we also enjoyed it very much. In Home ec we sewed pink dresses that had white daisies going down the front of the dress, and on the sleeves, we made them matching, and then we modeled them at the mother's tea. I donated my dress to the Verdigre museum in memory of our teacher, Mrs. Binger. My stories could go on and on ,She will always be in my memories and my heart, as a loyal, fun loving friend . I am so sorry for your whole family and the loss of such a special lady! She truly will be missed by many.*

**Sharon Robinson** - December 03, 2025 at 09:23 PM

RW

*I was stunned to hear this news. I remember being a cheerleader with Deanna and cheering alongside her in high school. She was one of the sweetest people I know and had a radiant smile. Please know I'm thinking of you and your family. Rosemary Walstrom*

**Rosemary Walstrom** - December 04, 2025 at 08:23 PM

LM

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*Love & Hugs, James & Lynette Mlady*

**Lynette & James Mlady** - December 09, 2025 at 11:32 AM

AR

*In Honolulu, Dee lived in the tall apartment at the top of the hill. On her daily walks downhill, she'd pass right by my front gate. We had many cherished moments of sharing heart to heart. She comforted numerous ladies with her love and prayers. Now she and Pastor Ron are happily together in God's presence with peace and spiritual blessings! We rejoice for them! Love, Alma and Bong Ro*

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**Alma L Ro** - December 11, 2025 at 06:27 PM

VD

*Deanna was a sweetheart! We were cheerleaders together in 1968, When the class of '69 had their 50th reunion, she and Sharon Mott invited me to their after party as our class and theirs were tight. That night she gave me some pictures that I'm thrilled to have. They were of our cheerleading squad (at a basketball game) as I've never had any! I asked her if she was sure she wanted to part with them and she assured me that she did. Now they're even more precious than ever. Anyway, that night we shared stories, not the least of which involved Pat Crosley!! I saw her three years ago at the State Fair. She was always the same...she never changed. I'm really sad to hear of her passing, but I know she's with Ron, in a better place. Love you always, Deanna. Veronica Dittrick - Class of 1968.*

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**VERONICA DITTRICK** - December 15, 2025 at 11:31 AM