



Donna Joan Jochum

November 15, 1937 - April 1, 2023

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Donna J. Jochum, 85, of Norfolk, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk. Inurnment will be held at the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk. Visitation will begin 1 hour prior to the service also at the church. Donna passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Avera St. Anthony's Hospital in O'Neill. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Donna was born on November 15, 1937 in Bassett, NE to Henry H. and Violet Opal (Johnson) Runte. She graduated from Rock County High School, and attended Norfolk Junior College for one year taking secretarial courses. Donna married Denis Jochum in January, 1973 in Yankton, South Dakota. They made their home in rural Elgin, NE and then later in Norfolk. Denis passed away on February 7, 2015.

Donna worked for Wells Dental Laboratory for 17 years, the Antelope County Hospital, and then later as a cook at the St. Joseph's Rehabilitation and Care Center in Norfolk. Donna loved her flowers and pets when she and Denis lived on the farm near Elgin. She enjoyed bowling, playing cards, following Husker volleyball, watching Jeopardy, and her animals (especially cats and dogs). Nothing delighted Donna more than a good story, joke, or prank. She made friends quickly and easily with her endearing personality. Donna has been a resident at Good Samaritan Center in Atkinson since 2013.

Survivors include her sisters Dorothy Straka of Atkinson, Karen Olson of Norfolk, numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her spouse Denis Jochum, parents Henry and Violet, brothers-in-law Vincent and Maurice Jochum, sisters-in-law Myra Hopkins, Adeline Van Horn, Millie Zegers, Stella Schindler, and Delores Bode, brother-in-law Alvin Straka.

Casket bearers will be (nephews) Mike Straka, Tim Straka, Greg Straka, Patrick Straka, Carter Olson, Wade Olson, Chad Olson, and Colby Olson. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Animal Shelter of Northeast Nebraska, 1000 E. Omaha Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Norfolk
2300 Madison Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Funeral Service

APR 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Norfolk
2300 Madison Ave.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Joan Jochum*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Our sympathy and prayers to Donna's family.
May God wrap his loving arms around you and give you comfort.
Donna was a sweet lady, visited at GSC 🙏🏻✝️*

Dennis and Roxanne Ryan - April 07, 2023 at 10:53 PM



“ *Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Dona. May God wrap his arms around you and give you comfort and peace. Dona had a nice personality and got to know her at Good Samaritan Center.*

Dennis and Roxanne Ryan - April 07, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ *Sincere sympathy to Donna's family. She was a special gal with a GREAT sense of humor! Joy Zumbrunn*

Joy (Davis) Zumbrunn - April 07, 2023 at 05:58 AM



Thank you, Joy! I had hoped you would see this notification.

Shirley Rossman - April 08, 2023 at 02:56 PM

JZ

“ *SINCERE SYMPATHY to Donna's family. We were classmates since 1st grade, then at Norfolk Jr. College we were roommates and classmates. We have stayed in touch over the years even though we lived so far apart. Donna's sense of humor reminded me of Lucille Ball and Carol Burnett. She could make you laugh by just an expression on her face....she didn't have to use foul language; just a raise of an eyebrow; or a funny smile or frown. JOY (DAVIS) ZUMBRUNN*

Joy (Davis) Zumbrunn - April 06, 2023 at 03:34 PM

SR

Exactly!

Shirley Rossman - April 08, 2023 at 02:57 PM

MD

“ *I will miss her greatly. I will miss her in my church services and I will miss her coming to my dinner parties.*



marybeth dobrovolny - April 05, 2023 at 03:50 AM

JY

Though I havent seen her since high school, we were the best of friends in school and I know she will leave many wonderful memories with her family and friends. Jeanne Overman Young

Jeanne Overman Young - April 06, 2023 at 02:10 PM

SR

Mary Beth, she loved your dinner parties. Thank you for being such a great friend!

Shirley Rossman - April 08, 2023 at 02:58 PM