



Donadee Nicholson

August 21, 1936 - December 31, 2015

Donadee Nicholson, age 79, of Storm Lake, Iowa died December 31, 2015 at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will take place Monday, January 4, 2016 from 4-8:00 p.m. with the family present the entire time at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Donadee's honor. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Donadee Strombeck was born August 21, 1936 in Mt. Vernon, South Dakota, the daughter of Paul and Adeline (Frerichs) Strombeck. As an infant, she was baptized at Salem Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon where she was later confirmed in 1951.

Growing up, Donadee attended school in Mt. Vernon where she graduated with the class of 1954. Following high school graduation, Donadee attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and graduated in 1958 with a degree in English/Secondary Education. She taught English in the Schaller and Storm Lake school districts. She also taught piano lessons to numerous students throughout the years.

On June 4, 1961, Donadee was united in marriage to Dean Nicholson in Mt. Vernon. Together, they were blessed with two children, Barb and Todd.

Donadee was a very active member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake where she was an organist, pianist and a Stephen Ministry Leader, in addition to serving in many other capacities. In the Storm Lake community, she served as Meals on Wheels coordinator, Relay for Life Chair and was a member of many other organizations.

In her spare time, Donadee enjoyed a variety of activities, including playing Bridge, reading, visiting with friends, handling snakes and riding Segways. In retirement, she went on numerous trips and cruises with her husband, Dean. One of the most cherished activities that Donadee looked forward to was an annual family vacation.

Donadee was a gifted piano player and teacher. She enjoyed walking, baking, playing games with her grandchildren and cheering on her beloved Hawkeyes and Tornadoes. She attended concerts, games and events of all of her grandchildren as she could. She was affectionately known to them as Mimi. She will be lovingly remembered as a caring, compassionate, and giving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Donadee will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 54 years, Dean Nicholson of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Barb (Brian) Muench of Emporia, Kansas; Todd (Rachel) Nicholson of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Jordan, Jon, Jaron and Jonah Muench; Mikayla, Marlee and Lucas Nicholson; brother, Ben (Irm) Strombeck of Tripp, South Dakota; Jim (Jan) Strombeck of Ham Lake, Minnesota; nieces; nephews; cousins; extended family and many friends.

Donadee was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Adeline Strombeck.

Cemetery Details

Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Service

JAN 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake
1614 West 5th Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588
<http://www.stmarkstormlake.com/>

Interment

JAN 5 (CT)

Storm Lake Cemetery
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donadee Nicholson*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 03, 2016 at 08:12 PM

RS

“ *My condolences to Mrs. Nicholson's family. I remember her fondly. She was one of our jr high teachers at Schaller school. Capt Rich Selberg, Delta Air Lines, retired*

R Selberg - January 12, 2016 at 01:00 PM

BD

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time, Barb. I know somewhat what you are going through with the loss of your mother. It is never timely. Yours was rapid and unexpected. Beth Dayton*

Beth Dayton - January 07, 2016 at 04:51 PM

CO

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am so sorry what you are going through. I have not stopped thinking and praying for you since the moment it happened. I was with you and your wife the moment it happened until you were taken to the hospital. My deepest regrets and I send you many Blessings, Cindy O.*

Cindy O. - January 06, 2016 at 09:32 AM

TM

“ Our sincere sympathy, thought and prayers are with the entire family at this difficult time. May warm memories of wonderful times spent together help bring peace and comfort. She was a beautiful lady, inside and out.

Tom & Jane McClinton

Tom & Jane McClinton - January 05, 2016 at 03:29 PM

RH

“ So sorry for your loss. Coach Nicholson and family you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ronda Utter Hogan



Ronda Utter Hogan - January 05, 2016 at 11:09 AM

RF

“ May Christ bring you strength during this time of sorrow. Mrs. Nicholson, as our Fourth grade teacher in Schaller addressed her, was a very carrying individual to each and everyone of her students. She will be missed by our class as we celebrate later this year our 50th class reunion.

Raymond Franz

Raymond Franz - January 05, 2016 at 07:25 AM

KA

“ We am so sad to hear of Donadee's passing. She was our son Andrew's piano teacher, and although he is over 30 now, she enjoyed catching up on his activities once in a while. I enjoyed visiting with her at school functions, and we were both privileged to have Dean Nicholson as a junior high teacher. We am so sorry for the loss to all the Nicholson family. Dan and Kay Andrews

Kay Andrews - January 04, 2016 at 10:25 PM

AT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Although I haven't lived in Storm Lake for over 30 years, I remember Mrs. Nicholson and Coach very well. Such a wonderful family. I babysat for them in my teens and witnessed two wonderful kids being raised by loving parents. My heart goes out to all of you. May your memories comfort you in this difficult time.

Amy Pitstick Tipton, Rancho Viejo, TX

Amy Tipton - January 04, 2016 at 08:13 PM

CK

“ Clarence & Marsha Krepps lit a candle in memory of Donadee Nicholson



Clarence & Marsha Krepps - January 04, 2016 at 08:01 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - January 04, 2016 at 04:02 PM

JS

“ Jon & Ginger Swanson purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Donadee Nicholson.



Jon & Ginger Swanson - January 04, 2016 at 02:16 PM

JS

“ Jon & Ginger Swanson lit a candle in memory of Donadee Nicholson



Jon & Ginger Swanson - January 04, 2016 at 01:27 PM

MS

“ Our sympathy is extended to the Nicholson family at this sad time and our prayerws are for you. The Slagle Family

Mary & Charles Slagle - January 04, 2016 at 12:49 PM

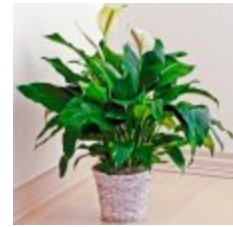
MA

“ Got to know Donadee through Christian Women's Club. Always thought of her as a woman to be admired. My deepest sympathy to all of you in your sudden loss. May God be your strength and memories your comfort. Myrtis Allen, Albert City

Myrtis Allen - January 04, 2016 at 10:07 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Donadee Nicholson.*



January 04, 2016 at 09:54 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I was remembering yesterday how everyday, rain or shine, at some point during the day, I could look out my window and see your mom and dad walking...usually at quite a pace...Some days I would just smile at their connection and sync. Know that the connection and sync they developed on earth remains imbedded in their spirit...both here and in Heaven. Death does not "take." It gives! It gives new life!*

Mary Timko - January 04, 2016 at 06:49 AM



“ *Doris Harvey lit a candle in memory of Donadee Nicholson*



Doris Harvey - January 04, 2016 at 04:05 AM



Donadee was my Stephen Ministry leader. We shared many times of both laughter and tears! Later, after I came to St. Mark, she always greeted me with love and care. What a precious lady. I will miss her deeply. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Doris Harvey - January 04, 2016 at 04:08 AM

LK

“ *Lory (Preston) & Jeff Krummen lit a candle in memory of Donadee Nicholson*



Lory (Preston) & Jeff Krummen - January 03, 2016 at 11:36 PM

MK

“ *Donnadee was such a wonderful woman in every way. She was a patient and loving piano teacher for my boys. She dedicated many hours of volunteer work over the years. I remember seeing her at the hospital every Monday for many years coordinating the Meals on Wheels delivery route. She was a loving person in the many roles she had. she will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies to Dean and family.*
Michele Kelly



michele kelly - January 03, 2016 at 03:52 PM

BD

“ *Our prayers are with you and are hearts are broken for you.*

Dick and Becki Drahota

becki drahota - January 03, 2016 at 03:35 PM

JC

“ *Jeff And Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Donadee Nicholson*



Jeff and Jean Chindlund - January 03, 2016 at 12:57 PM

JC

so sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers for the family.

Jeff and Jean Chindlund - January 03, 2016 at 12:57 PM

SN

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Dean and family. Donadee was a wonderful lady.*

Steve and Sheila Neuroth - January 02, 2016 at 11:25 PM

PG

“ *Our sympathy to Dean, Todd & family and to thre daughter also. A memory is always seeing them out walking. Never one without the other. Prayers and may she RIP.*
Lary & Patty Gunville



PATTY GUNVILLE - January 02, 2016 at 04:26 PM

 Liz Schultz

“ *Liz Schultz lit a candle in memory of Donadee Nicholson*



Liz Schultz - January 02, 2016 at 01:47 PM

VV

“ *Verle and Frieda Fenster & Doris and Vince Visaya purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Donadee Nicholson.*



Verle and Frieda Fenster & Doris and Vince Visaya - January 02, 2016 at 12:18 PM

RU

“ so sad to hear of the passing of Mrs Nicholson . thoughts and prayers go out to friends and family

Randy Utter and family



randy Utter - January 02, 2016 at 11:26 AM

Connie
Poeppe
Jesse

“ Connie Poeppe Jesse lit a candle in memory of Donadee Nicholson



Connie Poeppe Jesse - January 02, 2016 at 09:21 AM

JM

“ So sorry to hear the sad news, enjoyed her company at Cosmo she will be missed so much,as you will she was such a pleasant person to be around. Ron and Jane Meyer

Jane Meyer - January 01, 2016 at 11:14 PM

AL

“ Watching the Rose Bowl and thinking of Donadee! She was a loyal fan to whatever sport her children and grandchildren were playing. We remember many Tornado football and track events where she was the #1 fan! She was a great piano player and teacher and we will be blessed for years to come from her students. We are so proud to be able to have called her our friend! Many prayers and hugs are coming your way and we are so sorry to not be able to be there with you to celebrate her life.

Al and Dee Lewis - January 01, 2016 at 04:26 PM

SL

“ *Sallie Leibhart lit a candle in memory of Donadee Nicholson*



Sallie Leibhart - January 01, 2016 at 03:53 PM

SL

“ *Sallie Leibhart has lit a candle for Donadee and family.*



Sallie Leibhartq - January 01, 2016 at 03:52 PM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Donadee Nicholson*



John and Connie Demers - January 01, 2016 at 01:00 PM