



Donna Holstein

March 28, 1929 - June 8, 2025

Donna Lee (Fitch) Holstein was born in Herman, Nebraska on March 28, 1929 to Clyde Fitch and Amelia (Miller) Fitch. She left us on June 8, 2025 at the age of 96, while in hospice at Accura Healthcare in Aurelia, Iowa.

Memorial services will take place Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta. Burial will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

In Donna's early years her father passed away and her mother was remarried to Ed Hovendick. She had two brothers, Clyde Fitch and George (Joe) Fitch, as well as a sister, Frances Beard.

Donna attended school in Herman and graduated with the class of 1946. During her senior year she was elected as class President and earned the honor of being Salutatorian of her graduating class. Her first employment after high school was with the Washington County clerks office.

She met Donald K. Holstein, recently discharged from three years of service in the Army during World War II, and they were married on January 17, 1948 in Blair, Nebraska. To this union they were blessed with three children, Donald

Jeffrey, Dawn Janell, and Jodi Kay.

Donna had numerous jobs during her lifetime. Besides being a mom, she also worked at home as a bookkeeper for Don's trucking company as well as his fuel service business, Buena Vista County courthouse, Fritcher Abstract, and Penny's. They made their home in Blair before moving to Alta. Upon retiring they also made their home in Phoenix, Peoria, and Mesa, Arizona as well as Blair before finally settling back in Alta.

As a couple they enjoyed attending the numerous sporting events and school activities that their children were involved in. During these outings they made many friends that would become lifelong friends which led to their involvement in attending dances, card club, picnics by the lake, potlucks, dining out, and celebrating the groups special occasions such as birthdays, marriages, graduations, and baby births. Once gambling became legal in Iowa there were numerous trips to the casino.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband Donald K, infant daughter Dawn Janell, daughter Jodi K, and son Donald Jeffrey, and numerous brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, and her parents.

She is survived by her son-in-law John Chirinos, granddaughter Jana Chirinos and great grandson Linkyn Summers. She is also survived by daughter-in-law Patsy Holstein and granddaughter Ashley Holstein, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family. She also leaves behind her special companion Willard Schmidt.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn

Alta, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Alta
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 01, 2025 at 05:06 PM

BA

“ Donna was a companion for my dad after my mom passed away. For that I am thankful. We are thankful for the fun she and dad had during those years.

Brenda Anderson - June 11, 2025 at 09:46 PM

JC

“ Jean Chindlund sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna Holstein



Jean Chindlund - June 09, 2025 at 12:25 PM

JC

Donna and I worked together in the Auditor's office, we became good friends, even after she left the courthouse, we remained friends. She was like a second mom to me, teaching me things, scolding me when she thought I needed it. I always enjoyed our visits, I am going to miss her. Rest In Peace my dear friend!

Jean Chindlund - June 09, 2025 at 01:45 PM

ML

Donna and her husband Don were neighbors of ours farming south of Storm Lake. As young kids, we enjoyed sledding in the winter on a hill south of their house that was close to the Boyer river.

Mike Langner - June 22, 2025 at 06:51 PM