



Donna Rae Allspaugh

November 18, 1937 - September 26, 2019

Donna Rae Allspaugh passed from this earth surrounded by her family in Chico, CA the morning of September 26, 2019, at the age of eighty-one. She was a wonderful mother, devoted grandmother and beloved friend and will be greatly missed.

Donna was born in Nevada City, CA on November 18, 1937 and lived there until her teenage years, when she then moved to Chico, CA and attended Chico High School. Shortly after high school, she married Jay Allspaugh and they had two children, Denise and Tony.

She worked as a bookkeeper in various businesses until settling at California Almond Growers Exchange where she served as office and store manager for approximately twenty-five years.

One of Donna's passions was helping others, especially young people, and she was a Troop Leader for the Girls Scouts of Northern California for five years. She was also very involved in organizing the Junior Duck Stamp program for California.

She thoroughly enjoyed attending country music concerts with her daughter and their friends, and she was a fan club member of several country music stars of the day.

Donna had a talent for arranging flowers and won many awards at the Silver Dollar Fair for her efforts, including "Best of Show," which thrilled her to no end. She arranged flowers at the Fair for many years and was a big influence on her grandson, who also arranged flowers as a young boy.

After the sudden loss of her daughter in 1993, Donna turned her attention toward working with the Brotherhood of Paternal Order of Elks and the Elks Ladies. She became heavily involved as a Lady Elk and served as President for the organization two times. She organized the popular and well attended, Elks Lodge Easter Egg Hunt and made sure that there were enough stuffed Easter bunnies for the children.

March of 2001 was a special time for Donna when she was initiated as one of the first women into the Brotherhood of Paternal Order of Elks. Also in 2001, she became the first Captain of the Elks Lodge "Relay for Life Cancer Walk" team. She led the team in fundraising and participated in the Candlelight Walk for many years. Donna continued her service in the BPOE as well as the Elks Ladies for the next several years and, due to her devotion to the Chico Elks Lodge, was voted Elk of the Year in 2011.

Donna enjoyed going to luncheons with various ladies groups such as the Red Hat Ladies, Purple Hat Ladies and the Chico Chicks. She loved to be around her friends and family and enjoyed handing out candy, dressed as the "Witch in the Rocking Chair" at Halloween.

She is preceded in death by her parents Bernice and Jack Ginn, her sister Shirley, and her daughter Denise. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Tony and Tamara, and her grandson Alex.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life service which will take place on Sunday, October 27th, at 1:00PM at the Chico Elks Lodge.

Cemetery

Glen Oaks Memorial Park

11115 Midway

Chico, CA,

Events

OCT 27 **Celebration of Life** 01:00PM

Chico Elks Lodge
1705 Manzanita Ave., Chico, CA, US

Comments



“ Donna and I spent a lot of time at Elks Lodge reminiscing about Chico history. We attended Chico High at the same time and shared a lot of memories. My wife and I are so sorry for your loss,. Ken and Shirley Shippen

Ken Shippen - October 20, 2019 at 12:13 PM



“ The family is in our thoughts and prayers. God's blessings. Jim and Nancy Barnes

Nancy Barnes - October 20, 2019 at 10:24 PM