



Donna Louise Sorensen

March 10, 1936 - September 21, 2019

Donna Sorensen passed away September 21, 2019 in Chico, California surrounded by family.

She was born March 10, 1936 to Elmer and Gracia Rowland Grindy in Sauk Centre, Minnesota. She grew up in Montana, where her mother often taught in one-room schoolhouses, including several years in a Hutterite Community. She attended Highschool in Merced, California for two years, and then graduated from Livingston Highschool in 1954. She attended nursing school in San Francisco from 1954-1955.

Donna married Donald Sorensen in 1957. They lived in San Jose, California until 1968, when Don's job at IBM gave them the opportunity to move to Boulder, Colorado. The family made many good friends and memories living in the foothills of the Rockies. In 1976 they moved back to San Jose, and later Don and Donna retired to Middletown, California. They moved to Chico in 1990 to be closer to family.

Donna had several part-time jobs over the years, but her most important job was as a wonderful homemaker for her husband and children. She loved spending time with her many close friends and family and listening to music. As her children started growing up, she trained as an artist and painted many beautiful oils on canvas.

Donna is survived by her husband, Don of 63 years; children, Marty (Lynn) Sorensen of Chico, and Julie (Brian) Reddig of San Jose; grandchildren, Jack, Will, and Cate Sorensen, and Alycia Alvarez, great-grandson, Logan; sister-in-law, Karen (Ted), sister-in-law, Dana (James), and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, Elmer and Gracia Grindy; sisters, Ruth (Grant) Viertel, Lois (Vic) Reinemer, and Jean (Al) Halverson, and Brother, John "Jack" (Mary) Grindy; Sister-in-Law, Elaine (Sil) Dossetti; great-grandson, Julian Alvarez; and others whom she loved who died too soon.

Donna was known as a beautiful, loving person, and she kept her great sense of humor through her last days. She will be missed by many!

A graveside service for Donna will be held Friday, October 4th at 11 am at Chico Cemetery and a celebration of life at 2 pm that day at Bidwell Chapel, 341 West 3rd St., Chico. A reception will immediately follow at the home of her son, Marty.

Events

OCT **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Chico Cemetery

881 Mangrove, Chico, CA, US, 95926

OCT **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Bidwell Chapel

341 West Third Street, Chico, CA, US, 95928

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Brusie Funeral Home - October 14, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ I loved going to Chico and visiting the Sorensens, my stepdaughter Lynn, her husband, your son Marty, their kids Jack, Will, Cate, Uncle Steve, and of course Don and Donna, living in the house with all the hooks. We were such a perfect circle, and everyone is going to miss you, Donna and your warm, serene way. Teri

Teri Fowler Susmann - September 29, 2019 at 05:42 PM



“ I miss you Grammy more then you will ever know. I was going to come up and see you that Monday but I waited to long!. I spoke to you Thursday September 19th, 2019. The only words you could make out to me were i love you! I love you you said twice. I'll never forget those last few words. I didnt expect those to be the last I'd ever hear from you! Grammy promised me as a little girl she would visit me in her afterlife if there was any possibility of doing so. She and I had a different sense of humor one only we understood. I shall wait for her to visit me. May she rest finally able to breath and get around a dance like she used to up in heaven waiting for all of us. I love you Grammy! I am heart broken for my papa who is left with out his soul mate of 62 years. I love you papa and miss you my Grammy.



Alycia Alvarez - September 28, 2019 at 11:49 PM



“ I had not seen Donna in a very long time, but every memory i have of her is very similar: she was always calm, always easy-going, and her comments were always right in line with this. She was a quiet shining star, and i'm so very sorry she is gone..
-chris townsend-

Capi-Chris Townsend - September 27, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ Thinking of you at this sad time -- your mom was a wonderful lady! I have many fond memories, not the least of which was her busting us with beer on the side of your house. You're in our prayers.

Jon Gregory

JON GREGORY - September 27, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Louise Sorensen.



September 26, 2019 at 07:59 PM