



Donna Bergeson

July 23, 1936 - May 15, 2012

Donna Bergeson, 75 of Carroll, died Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at her residence in Carroll.

In accordance to her wishes private family services will be held at a later date. Her body has been donated to the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at the University of Iowa. Memorials may be sent to All Strings Attached, P.O. Box 253 Carroll, Iowa, 51401 or to the Carroll Public Library Foundation. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll.

Born on July 23, 1936 at Carroll, Iowa, Donna was the daughter of Leonard and Martha (Huegerich) Schirck. Donna graduated from Carroll High School in 1954 and Morningside College in Sioux City with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in elementary education. She taught in Pisgah, Iowa for 2 years and St. Lawrence School in Carroll from 1958-1963 in the 5th grade before relocating to Sioux City. There she taught at Webster, Sloan and Washington Elementary Schools for a total of 45 years, retiring in 2001. After moving back to Carroll she volunteered as a leader in the RSVP Grade 5 Speak Up Program for many years. While teaching in Sioux City, she received many honors including nomination to "Who's Who Among American Teachers" in 1996 and again in 2000. Inclusion in this publication is through nomination by former students. She mentored over 25 student teachers in her classroom, helping them to succeed in their chosen teaching careers. On July 16, 1973 she married Mearl H. (Bud) Bergeson in Winner, South Dakota. Bud died in

1999.

Donna is survived by her beloved sister Marilyn Setzler of Carroll; her brother Denis (Shirley) Schirck of Carroll; as well as her step-children: Jennifer, Mearl and Melissa; her sister-in-law Francis Bergeson Jensen; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Bud; brother Earl and his wife Laura Schirck; and her brother-in-law, Ron Setzler.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Mrs Bergeson was a very sweet lady and teacher. She taught me in the 80's at Sloan Elementary. A great mentor, caring person who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.*

Michele Carron - May 29, 2012 at 09:19 AM

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“ *Mrs. Bergeson was my 4th grade teacher at Sloan School in Sioux City. She was my favorite teacher ever. I can remember being in the hospital with Mono at the end of my 4th grade year and being so sad that I couldn't finish with my class but she made sure I had cards and a poster from my classmates to hang up in my hospital room. I am now 46 years old. I will never forget her and anyone that was as lucky as I was to have her as a teacher is so blessed. God Bless You Mrs. Bergeson*

Lisa (Rysta) Byrne - May 28, 2012 at 10:38 PM

JS

“ *Dear Marilyn and Donna's family - we will all miss Donna, especially her friends at Kuemper and her Speak-Up family. Mrs. B was one of a kind. I will miss her upbeat, friendly and funny conversations. She will be missed. -John Steffes*

John Steffes - May 18, 2012 at 04:33 PM

CM

“ *We are sorry for your loss. We are neighbors of Donna's. Will miss her smile! She was such a lovely person. Carla and Phil Markway*

Carla and Phil Markway - May 17, 2012 at 12:46 PM