



Donna Stitz

January 18, 1944 - February 21, 2024

Donna Stitz, age 80, of Carroll, died Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, February 26, 2024 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. The celebrant will be Fr. Patrick Behm. Music will be by Kathy Halbur and Kathleen Macke. Lectors will be Jack Stitz, Zach Stitz, Kaitlin Bryant, and Charlee Stitz. Gift Bearers and Honorary Casket bearers will be Donna's grandchildren. Casket Bearers will be Donna's sons: Gary Stitz, Dave Stitz, Bob Stitz, Ron Stitz, Randy Stitz, Jim Stitz, and Brad Stitz. Burial will follow the funeral mass at St. Augustine Cemetery in Halbur.

Visitation will be held at the Sharp Funeral Home from 3-5pm on Sunday. A Christian Wake Service will be held at 5pm. The casket will be moved to St. Lawrence Church on Monday morning where visitation will continue from 10 to 10:45am.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Donna's family at www.sharpfu

neral.com.

Donna Stitz was born January 18, 1944, in Carroll, the daughter of Albert and Dora (Fehring) Baumhover. She attended Mt. Carmel School and graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in 1962.

Donna married Mike Stitz on August 17, 1963, in Mt Carmel, Iowa. The couple made their home on the family farm south of Halbur then later moved to Carroll. Donna was a dedicated homemaker, worked at Renze Hybrid and Carrollton Inn, and together they raised eleven children. Donna and Mike celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past August.

Donna never sat still. From morning coffee with friends to endless kids and grandkids activities, she would have gone to every single event if she could. She loved music and karaoke, checking in with friends on Facebook, fixing puzzles, playing cards and going on car rides. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a shining example of FAITH. Donna was a member of St. Augustine Choir and Guild.

Left to celebrate her life include her husband of 60 years, Mike Stitz of Carroll; her four daughters, Janet (Rick) Muhlbauer of Halbur, IA; Jean (Jay) Birks of Adel, IA; Pam (Chris) Kitt of Grimes, IA; Kelley (Matt) Hugeback of Arcadia, IA; and sons Gary (Sarah Schechinger) Stitz of Urbandale, IA; Dave (Patty) Stitz of Johnston, IA; Bob (Karla) Stitz of Ankeny, IA; Ron (Rose) Stitz of Harlan, IA; Randy (Melissa) Stitz of Green Bay, WI; Jim (Jaime) Stitz of Carroll, IA; Brad (Kelly) Stitz of Halbur, IA; 37 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; siblings: Leon Baumhover, Norb Baumhover, Leonard (Janet) Baumhover, Gene (Janet) Baumhover, Vern (Jean) Baumhover, Mark (Vivian) Baumhover, Harry (LaVonne) Baumhover, Dean Baumhover, Marita Moir; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Anne Baumhover, and Marcia (Bill Noth) Baumhover, Jim Morrison, Mark (Kay) Stitz, and Mary (Gene) Ferneding; as

well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and parents-in-laws Joseph and Alice Stitz, siblings: Ann Baumhover (in infancy), Ray Baumhover, Merle Baumhover, Mary Baumhover, Jane Morrison, Loras (Diane) Baumhover; brother-in-law Everett Moir, sisters-in-law Janice Baumhover, and Linda Baumhover.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sharp Funeral Home ~ Carroll, Iowa
226 W. 8th St.
Carroll, IA 51401
(712) 792-4301
info@sharpfuneral.com
<https://www.sharpfuneral.com>

Mass of the Christian Burial

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
1607 N West St
Carroll, IA 51401
(712) 792-9244

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Mike to you and a beautiful family, sorrow for your loss but I'm sure Donna is smiling now with her pain gone and prayers answered ! Just a great person

jerry rupiper - February 28, 2024 at 01:22 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry for your loss of your dear sweet Donna. I know she is already terribly missed. I hope you find moments of comfort, peace, and of knowing her love. Thinking of you all.



Julie Morrison - February 26, 2024 at 11:17 AM

WN

“ Stitz and Baumhover families: We were sorry to learn of Donna's death. She was a sweet person and loving mother. Our thoughts will be with you as you face the difficult days ahead. Wes/CJ Niles, Carroll

Wes & CJ Niles - February 26, 2024 at 10:35 AM

JH

“ Thoughts and Prayers for Stitz Family Sorry for your loss

Jill Hedman - February 25, 2024 at 04:24 PM

EM

“ To Mike and family you have our deepest sympathy on your loss.

Gene & Diane Meiners

Eugene Meiners - February 25, 2024 at 01:22 PM

BM

“ *My prayers, thoughts and sympathy to the Stitz family. I am sorry for your loss.*

Becki Miller - February 25, 2024 at 10:50 AM

JM

“ *Julie Morrison purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donna Stitz.*



Julie Morrison - February 24, 2024 at 11:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Stitz.*



February 24, 2024 at 05:12 PM

JB

“ *Donna and I were classmates at Kuemper. I remember her as always smiling - such a gift!
I am sorry she is gone- our world was a better place with her here.
But, the Angels surely sang in their most beautiful voices when she joined them. God Bless Donna's family!*

Jeanne Schumacher de Boer

Jeanne de Boer - February 24, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Stitz.*



February 24, 2024 at 08:19 AM



“ *Mark & Kay Stitz & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donna Stitz.*



Mark & Kay Stitz & Family - February 23, 2024 at 11:06 PM



“ *Mark & Kay Stitz & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Stitz.*

Mark & Kay Stitz & Family - February 23, 2024 at 11:06 PM



“ *My sympathy Kelley & family and Stitz family. Your mom was a remarkable lady. So kind and gentle to all that knew her. May she finally enjoy eternal life. You are all in my prayers as you say goodbye. She will always be in your hearts. 🙏❤️🙏*

Bev Vonnahme - February 23, 2024 at 09:17 PM

DP

“ Dan and Diane Pohlmeier purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donna Stitz.



Dan and Diane Pohlmeier - February 23, 2024 at 07:38 PM

DP

“ Dan and Diane Pohlmeier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Stitz.

Dan and Diane Pohlmeier - February 23, 2024 at 07:38 PM

BD

“ Beth Danner lit a candle in memory of Donna Stitz



Beth Danner - February 23, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Donna Stitz.



February 23, 2024 at 04:41 PM

MC

“ *Mark and Lisa Cracraft purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donna Stitz.*



Mark and Lisa Cracraft - February 23, 2024 at 02:50 PM

AH

“ *Amy Hursey lit a candle in memory of Donna Stitz*



Amy Hursey - February 23, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Stitz.*



February 23, 2024 at 12:54 PM

BF

“ *Bob & Karla Stitz Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Stitz.*

Bob & Karla Stitz Family - February 23, 2024 at 12:54 PM

SH

“ Scott, Trish, and Logan Hart purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Donna Stitz.



Scott, Trish, and Logan Hart - February 23, 2024 at 11:09 AM

SH

“ Scott, Trish, and Logan Hart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Stitz.

Scott, Trish, and Logan Hart - February 23, 2024 at 11:09 AM

DM

“ Doug & Kaela Morgan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donna Stitz.



Doug & Kaela Morgan - February 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM

DM

“ Doug & Kaela Morgan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Stitz.

Doug & Kaela Morgan - February 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Stitz.*



February 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ *Dear Ron and Rose, We were very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother, Ron. Please give our sympathy to your family. We will keep you and your entire family in our prayers so that God will give you comfort and peace at this sad time. Love, Bob and Joan Gaul*

Joan Gaul - February 23, 2024 at 10:04 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Stitz family on the loss of Donna.
Denny and Marilyn Vonnahme*

Marilyn Vonnahme - February 23, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. · I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your Mom*

Mohammad Sheikh - February 23, 2024 at 09:51 AM



Thanks for your kind words.

Janet Muhlbauer - February 28, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Stitz.*



February 23, 2024 at 09:14 AM



“ *Matheson Des Moines purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donna Stitz.*



Matheson Des Moines - February 23, 2024 at 09:09 AM



“ *Prayers and Sympathy to Mike and the Stitz family. We have many memories of the fun we had celebrating birthdays and anniversaries and playing Pitch to the wee hours of the morning. Will never forget the Halloween adventures we did and trips to the races. Enjoyed morning coffee with Donna in Halbur for many years. Will always treasure the Saturday morning coffee at Betty's as this was a special group. Will miss you Donna!! Bob and Audrey Behrens*

Audrey Behrens - February 22, 2024 at 10:16 PM



Thanks for your kind words. You and all the other neighbors had many great times together over the years.

Janet Muhlbauer - February 28, 2024 at 06:22 PM

RB

“ *Randy & Rachel. Birks lit a candle in memory of Donna Stitz*



Randy & Rachel. Birks - February 22, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Stitz.*



February 22, 2024 at 07:56 PM

TJ

“ *Mike & Family-our deepest sympathy on your loss. Her perseverance and always having a smile will always be remembered. Hugs to each of you. Ted & Julie Eischeid & family*



Ted & Julie - February 22, 2024 at 07:27 PM

JM

Thanks for your kind words.

Janet Muhlbauer - February 28, 2024 at 06:23 PM

MB

“ Much sympathy to Mike and the kids and the family. Donna was so friendly and welcoming to me when I was a new bride. Not being from Carroll County, I felt a little unsure of myself, but Donna was so nice and made sure Dave and I were included in all the neighborhood card parties, that I soon felt part of the group. I remember one card party at their house in the middle of summer and the kids were watching "Christmas Vacation". Pretty soon we were all watching it and laughing hysterically along with the kids!

Donna was a great organizer of get togethers in the neighborhood. One summer she invited us all over for a pool party for the moms and kids in the neighborhood when they got a new pool. It was so much fun watching the kids swim and the moms visited.

There were so many occasions when she would call and say we were going to celebrate a birthday or anniversary and to come over to play cards, mostly Euchre. I also remember when there was a fire in the neighborhood and she organized a bunch of us in the neighborhood to bring cleaning supplies and food to help clean up after the fire.

When I was teaching in Halbur, Donna would come to conferences and listen patiently to whatever I told her. I'm sure she was thinking that I couldn't tell her anything she didn't already know about kids!

Donna will be greatly missed and when I look over the fields to where the Stitz family home is, I think of Mike and Donna and all the fond memories we have.

Mary Ann Brincks - February 22, 2024 at 05:49 PM

JM

This is simply beautiful Mary Ann. Thanks for sharing such heartfelt memories.

Janet Muhlbauer - February 24, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Stitz.*



February 22, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *Emily Ehlers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Stitz.*

Emily Ehlers - February 22, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *The Wigham Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donna Stitz.*



The Wigham Family - February 22, 2024 at 03:48 PM



“ *Sending our deepest condolences to Mike and his entire family. Terri and I are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.*
Sincerely, Mike and Terri Schaeuble

Mike and Terri Schaeuble - February 22, 2024 at 03:18 PM



Thanks for your kind words.

Janet Muhlbauer - February 28, 2024 at 06:23 PM