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Donna Marie Knutson, 89, of Boone, Iowa passed away on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames, Iowa.

Donna was born on July 21, 1931 to Mae and Alvin Hummel in Cushing, Iowa. She grew up on a western Iowa dairy farm, became a teacher and married Russell Knutson from Soldier, Iowa on September 9, 1951. A stubborn German, like her father, and nicknamed “Speed”, she was challenged to be the mother of three boys, became the grandmother of five, having met the youngest great-grandchildren (2-year old twins) for the first time shortly before her death.

She lived with her family in Des Moines for many years, retired and built a house in Boone County, where she has been a resident for the last 35 years, attending Augustana Lutheran Church. Donna had a creative flair and indulged in painting, and was an object of perpetual motion, enjoying music, square dancing, quilting, gardening, bird watching, traveling, camping, hiking (including summiting the 14,259 foot Long’s Peak in Colorado), church, current events and taking care of her family which included preparation of their favorite cultural foods, notably lefse (Norwegian potato flat bread) and Kartoffelpuffer (German potato pancakes).

Donna was preceded in death by her parents Mae and Alvin Hummel.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Russell, their three children and their spouses: Richard and Lori Knutson; Steven and Lorrie Knutson; Gary and Peggy Knutson, and a brother Arlo (Pat) Hummel.

A private family memorial service will take place at a later date.

Online condolences may be left at www.schroederfuneral.com

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Comments



“ Dear Russ- not sure you remember me- Steve and I (Lisa) Turner attended Highland Park Lutheran Church along with you and Donna back in the late 70's and 80's. I was choir director there for awhile with Larry Kalvig as organist. I'm almost positive that you were a bass in the choir. We saw that your lovely wife passed and am so sorry for you and your family. I remember an apple pie bar recipe that Donna had in the HP cook book that I have made and was sooo yummy. We were sad when you moved to Boone. Brings back lots of great memories. We are still friends with Donna Peterson and her daughter Pam. We live in Urbandale, have 2 boys and 1 daughter and 12 grandkids.

God Bless you- Lisa Turner

Lisa Turner - September 08, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ Russ and family: I'm so sorry for your loss. You all will be in our prayers through this rough time. Russ, I know you have a great family to see you through this.

Denny Peterson

Denny Peterson - September 07, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ Mary Jo and Duane have great memories of canoe trips with Russ and Donna on the Boone, Upper Iowa and Iowa Rivers! Also, several brats and brew parties that were hosted by them at their home in Des Moines and Boone

Donna will be greatly missed and my sympathy goes out to Russ and all the family members.

Duane Miller - September 06, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ Russ and family,
So sorry to hear of Donna's passing. Bob and I always enjoyed the times we spent square dancing with you two.

Bob and Barb Chase

Barbara Chase - September 01, 2020 at 11:33 PM



“ Hi Russ, So sorry to hear about Donna. I always enjoyed our visits when I brought the Avon books to her. Also, we enjoyed visiting with the two of you at church. May God Bless you and your family.
Glen and Leona Smith

Glen and Leona Smith - September 01, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ Russ, Jeannie and I cherish the memories of Donna and you. Jeannie always wondered if she was related to Donna as their name was Hummel and grew up only 20 some miles apart. Hope we can visit with you about our memories. Stay safe!
Eldon and Jeannie Weber

Eldon and Jeannie Weber - September 06, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ Russ, so sorry to see of your wife's passing. I hope you and the rest of your family are doing well. Thinking of you.

Max Wineland

max Wineland - September 06, 2020 at 01:36 PM