



## Donna Leonard

October 18, 1929 - May 24, 2023

Donna was born Donna Claire Tucker on October 18, 1929, in Sterling, Nebraska to parents Audrey Claire (Cox) and Kelley Weber Tucker. She was the second of seven children and oldest daughter (Dick, Dean, Ed, Joe, Phyllis and Emily). She graduated from Technical Senior High School in Omaha, Nebraska in 1947. After high school, she moved to Topeka, Kansas and spent the next 27 years working for Southwestern Bell Telephone/AT&T, taking 13 years off in the middle to raise her children. She was an operator, clerk and eventually a technical supervisor. After retiring, Donna worked an additional 20 years as a legislative clerk in the Kansas State Library in the Kansas Capitol building.

She met her lifelong husband Marshall (Dean) while working at the telephone company. After leaving to serve two years in the Army in the Philippines, Dean returned home determined to rekindle their relationship. He succeeded, and they married on November 1, 1954, at Lowman United Methodist Church in Topeka, and were together until his passing in 2005.

Donna embodied the spirit of love and compassion, beauty, and grace. Some of her favorite activities were boating with friends at the lake, dancing, bowling and bingo. She enjoyed classic country music and tabloid magazines, and getting her hair and nails done once a week, every week! She also cherished watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow up, and her most

beloved things were her dogs Sadie and Jojo.

Donna passed away on May 24, 2023, after a long illness, surrounded by the family she loved and loved her endlessly. We are at peace knowing she is reunited with her husband Dean and daughter Denise.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents Audrey and Kelley, her husband Dean, daughter Denise, and grandson Joshua.

She is survived by son Douglas Leonard and wife Anita, daughter Deanne Skinner and husband David, and son Donald Leonard and wife Jennifer. And by her seven amazing grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka. Visitation at 10 a.m., service at 11 a.m., with graveside services directly after at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, 8500 SE Ratner Rd, Berryton, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care Hospice House and sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill cemetery

Berryton, KS 66409

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Funeral Service

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“*condolences to the Leonard family, I worked with Donna in Topeka, along with Dean. Denise and I worked together in Texas. Sorry for the news, May God Bless you all and give you strength to get thru these tough times.*

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**mary clinton** - June 02, 2023 at 10:50 AM

HS

“*Herschel and I were sorry to read the sad news about your dear mother. For six years, 1963-69, we lived next door to the Leonard family on 5200 block of 32nd Terrace in Topeka. They were all delightful and Donna and Dean were wonderful parents. I must confess that it took a couple of years for us to assign the correct name to each one because each name began with “D.” Because there were about 35 children in our new development, it was paradise for the young and helpful for the adults, who became sub-parents to all the neighborhood kids. So glad that you, Doug, Deanne, and Donnie, had your mother for so many years. She and you were surely blessed. We send to you our sincere condolences on the loss of her as well as the loss of your Dad and sister Denise. With affection, Herschel and Jacque*

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**Herschel and Jacque Stroud** - June 01, 2023 at 01:39 PM

CM

“*I worked with Donna at SWBT Co. back in the 60's - I also knew her husband, Dean, from SWBT. What a great couple - Donna was so proud of her kids and I remember her sharing stories of them and their activities, etc. I hadn't seen her for years and saw her at Dean's visitation - it was like time had stood still. A dear lady who I know will be missed!*

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**Carolyn (Olden) Miller** - May 30, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donna Leonard.*



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May 29, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donna Leonard.*



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May 29, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Leonard.*

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May 28, 2023 at 11:50 AM



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



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May 28, 2023 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Deanne Skinner lit a candle in memory of Donna Leonard*



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**Deanne Skinner** - May 27, 2023 at 04:01 PM

BD

“ *My condolences to the family. Donna was a sweet lady and always had a smile on her face. Prayers for her family. God Bless.*  
*Barb DeWalt*

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**Barb DeWalt** - May 27, 2023 at 10:47 AM

JW

“ *Donna and I were coworkers at the Telephone company many years. Also worked with her husband Dean. They were a wonderful couple and I got to share in some pinochle group card Games with other fellow retirees. She was a lot of fun and a great personality. Rest in peace together.*

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**Judy Whisler** - May 27, 2023 at 01:08 AM