



Donna M. Richards

January 24, 1923 - December 5, 2013

Donna Marie Richards, Topeka, died Thursday, December 5, 2013, at Midland Hospice House. Donna was born in Hanover, Kansas to Maurie and Mary Hassur on January 24, 1923. Donna graduated from St. John's Catholic School and Hanover High School. She played the clarinet in the high school band, orchestra and quartet. In the summers she also played with five other members in the Marysville and Washington summer band concerts. Donna graduated from Parsons Junior College; she was a member of the Parsons Marching Drum and Bugle Corps, playing the snare drum. She was married to Donald Paul Richards at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parsons, Kansas on August 26, 1946. In 1947 they left for Los Angeles, California, for her husband had enrolled in the Fred Archer School of Photography following his return from serving in Europe during World War II. In Los Angeles, Donna worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a receptionist-stenographer. Donna and Donald returned to Columbia, Missouri when Donald became director of public relations photography and an instructor in photography for Stephens College. In 1951 the Richards returned to Kansas where Donald joined the staff of the Kansas Industrial Development Commission as a writer and photographer for the state magazine, "To the Stars". Donna was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, the Women's Club of the Church and past treasurer of the Women's Club and Hayden Mother's Club. She was a leader in their Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs. She was a member and past President of the Women's 9-Hole Golf Association at Shawnee Country

Club, member of the Mulvane Art Association, honored active member of the Mulvane Women's Board and she was a member of the Knollwood Garden Club, serving as year book editor for twenty years. The Richards celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a renewal of their wedding vows at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, followed by a dinner-reception at the Shawnee Country Club. Their sixtieth wedding anniversary was celebrated with a family trip on the Mexican Riviera Cruise in 2006. His brother, Bill and wife Nancy, of Laguna Hills California, joined them. Donna and her husband have traveled extensively throughout Europe, Mexico, South America, Africa, the Middle East and the Orient. Donna is survived by her son, Robert Alan Richards, Boulder CO; daughter, Patricia K. Richards, Los Altos CA; son, Douglas Duane (Jean) Richards, Hot Springs AK; two grandsons, Christopher and Kevin Coulter. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald in 2013; brother, Dr. G.M. Hassur and sister, Doris Hassur. Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Private inurnment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Midland Care Hospice, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donna M. Richards*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Pat and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. What a wonderful life and legacy she leaves behind. I know she will be missed, but is now reunited with Don. Sending love and prayers your way!*

Felicia & Anthony Thompson - December 10, 2013 at 12:06 PM



“ *Pat, Bob and Doug, so sorry for your loss. Your folks and you all, have been one of those important memories in life. You each are in our thoughts and prayers, from Karen, Greg and Tammy.*

Karen Meyer - December 09, 2013 at 09:26 AM



“ *My husband and I made several wonderful trips with Don and Donna, attended the local theatre with them, and enjoyed many dinners with them and a group of mutual friends. Donna was such a friendly person with a sparkling personality. I am so happy to have had the opportunity to know and spend time with her, and want her family to know that I am sorry for their loss.*

Jan Long - December 08, 2013 at 04:57 PM

CL

“ Pat and family, so sorry to read of Donna's passing. I remember so many good times visiting with your mother on DeSousa Court. She was such a genuine, honest person and I really enjoyed having her for a neighbor. My sincere sympathy and heart felt prayers to all of the family. She will be greatly missed.

Carol Lumb - December 07, 2013 at 10:27 AM

MC

“ Pat, so sorry for your loss, may God bless you during your time of sorrow.

mary (anderson) clinton - December 06, 2013 at 09:14 AM

AC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Donna's passing. She will be remembered fondly for her role in the life of our entire family and group of friends. She will be missed!

Amy Crouch

Amy Crouch - December 05, 2013 at 09:47 PM

ML

“ What a WONDERFUL woman she was! She always asked how I was doing with such enthusiasm and interest. I will miss her beauty and ever-loving spirit. I am happy that she is at peace.

Love to all of the Richards and to the extended family!

Mary Beth

Mary Beth Lemoine - December 05, 2013 at 09:01 PM