



Donna Jean Leibrich

February 28, 1939 - March 7, 2025

Donna J. Leibrich

Age 86, of Andover, MN

Donna J. Leibrich, age 86, of Andover, MN, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 7, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Born Donna Jean Ovaldson on February 28, 1939, in White Earth, Minnesota, she was the daughter of Elster and Ruby (Chilton) Ovaldson. She grew up in Twin Valley, MN, and graduated from Mount Saint Benedict Academy in Crookston, MN, on May 28, 1957. After high school, she worked at the Farmers Union Central Exchange in Saint Paul, MN.

Donna met Thomas J. Leibrich, the love of her life, and the two were married on June 27, 1959, at Saint Williams Church in Twin Valley, MN. Together, they were blessed with seven children. Donna was deeply involved in her faith and community. She participated in the church choir, adoration, the Legion of Mary, and the Circle of Women. She also taught religion classes, tutored at schools, and shared her love for singing and dancing with her family and friends. Above all, Donna cherished her role as a homemaker, mother, and grandmother, providing a loving, nurturing home for her family.

Donna is survived by her beloved husband of nearly 67 years, Thomas J. Leibrich; daughters Anita Marie Leibrich and Kristine Marie (Dean) Nalezny; grandchildren Amber, Alex, and Dylan Leibrich; and her siblings Gaye (Richard) Jacobson, Bonnie (Larry) Mackowick, Floyd Ovaldson, Mary (Howard) Hanson, and Eric Ovaldson, along with many dear nieces and

nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, children Jean Marie, Thomas Paul, Damian Paul, Jason Paul, and Joel Paul Leibrich; siblings Morris Ovaldson, Sandra Whalen, Laurie Evans, Marty Ovaldson, and Tony Ovaldson; and many close friends and relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Donna's life will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 11:00 AM, with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton, MN 55112. Interment will follow at Epiphany Catholic Cemetery.

Donna's love, kindness, and faith will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Epiphany Cemetery

10955 Hanson Boulevard
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
835 2nd Avenue NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
835 2nd Avenue NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Graveside Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Epiphany Cemetery
10955 Hanson Boulevard
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Tribute Wall

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“ Momma, miss you everyday, but I know you are happy and healthy with Jesus and your babies, love you 💕💕💕



Kristine Nalezny - June 21, 2025 at 01:26 PM

AN

“ Anita N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Leibrich.

Anita N. - March 11, 2025 at 09:45 PM

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“ I will always remember her beautiful smile ! My favorite memories are her tight hugs ...all her laughter and great conversations around the kitchen table. All the dinners we had together. My most favorite memory of her is dancing in the dinning room and her singing!! She was a great example as a strong and faithful women always putting God first then, Her family. She adored Her Husband and loved him with all her heart. She went through alot in her life loss of her children at a really young age , But she marched on with her strong faith with God!! Thank you Donna for a great example of a Christian women !!!! you will be missed ! Love, Anita N

Anita Nygren - March 11, 2025 at 09:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Leibrich.



March 11, 2025 at 08:53 PM



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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Leibrich.



March 11, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Leibrich.



March 11, 2025 at 04:47 PM

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“ Momma your beautiful inside and out, our hearts are broken, but we know you're soaring with the angels in heaven, We miss and love you 🥺



Kristine - March 11, 2025 at 04:37 PM

KO

Auntie Donna. I wish I could be there to celebrate your long and loving life. My childhood wouldn't have been the same without you in it. I will always cherish the memories. Rest in peace. Until we meet again. I love you. Karri ostapenko

Karri Ostapenko - March 12, 2025 at 10:36 AM

LM

“ Larry & Bonaventure Mackowick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donna Jean Leibrich.



Larry & Bonaventure Mackowick - March 11, 2025 at 02:03 PM