



Donna Mae Nordstrom

August 5, 1928 - July 31, 2024

Donna Mae Nordstrom died on July 31, 2024, a beautiful St. Paul summer morning, with her daughter at her bedside.

Donna was born August 5, 1928 in Chokio, Minnesota. She began her education in a one-room schoolhouse and rounded it out when she obtained her nursing license at the age of 44. Donna's years working with patients made her particularly grateful for all the staff at Episcopal Homes, where she spent her last seven years. She often spoke of how lucky she was, surrounded by caring people and with her beautiful view overlooking the courtyard.

Her hands were never idle, and she crocheted countless blankets, sewed Christmas trees and aprons, and embroidered dish towels by the dozens. For many years Donna sold her wares in the community store, but she was best known for the envelopes and towels that she would pass out as tokens of appreciation and love.

In earlier years Donna loved to dance and spent many Friday and Saturday nights dancing at the American Legion with her husband of 44 years, Vernon (Vern). Vern preceded Donna in death as did her parents Thea and Gill Erickson and William Stevens, and siblings Velma, Wilbur, and Bernide.

Donna was always up for having some fun. In addition to dancing, she rarely turned down pull tabs or bingo, spent many years camping with family, traveled with friends, and could often be found at the 5-8 Club having a burger.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane, grandchildren, Heather and Brooks (Mandy), their father, Bill (Karen) and great-granddaughters, Rosalie, Arrolyn, and Nova. She is also survived by her son, Duane (Lynda), grandchildren, Willie, Chase (Sarah), Cecily, and their mother, Liz.

Her memorial service will be at Episcopal Homes' Coventry Chapel (1842 University Ave. W., St. Paul) on September 4th at 2pm with desserts following. Those wishing to make contributions in her memory may contribute to Episcopal Homes.

Tribute Wall

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“ Donna was a very kind person. She made me towels and wash cloths and even an apron. Diane is my dearest friend so I would hear a lot about her mom and how she was doing. My sympathy and love to Diane and her whole family. ❤️🙏

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