



## Donna Mae Dorothy (Hoefling) Houser

October 25, 1930 - August 28, 2024

Donna Mae Dorothy (Hoefling) Houser, age 93, of Centerville, IA, passed away on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at MercyOne Medical Center in Centerville.

Donna was born on October 25, 1930, daughter of Albert and Melinda (Lange) Hoefling in Odebolt, IA. She grew up attending school and graduated from Odebolt High School in 1948. After graduation, Donna moved to Des Moines to work for Equitable Life Insurance Company. Donna was united in marriage to Billy G. Houser on March 31, 1951, in Odebolt, IA. Donna and Bill had 5 sons: Dennis, Gary, Craig, Rick, and Scott.

Donna and Bill moved from Early, IA, to rural Centerville in 1953, where Donna lived until her death. She worked at Lakeview Elementary as an aide for 16 years, after helping on the farm and raising 5 sons.

Donna was a 71-year member of the Lutheran Church, Dorcus Ruth Circle, American Legion Auxiliary, and a lifetime member of MercyOne Hospital Auxiliary. She loved to sew and would join the ladies at the Lutheran Church on Tuesday afternoons to help with quilts they made for Lutheran Missions. When she could no longer make it to quilt, she would put quilt tops together at home.

Donna is survived by 3 sons, Dennis (Pat) Houser, Craig (Jeannie) Houser, and Rick Houser (Sherri Morlan); 2 brothers, Donald Hoefling, and LaDon (JoAn) Hoefling; 6 grandchildren; 3 step grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 9 step great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Houser; and her lifelong good friend, Harriett Jennings.

Donna is preceded in death by her husband, Billy; 2 sons, Scott and Gary; her parents, Albert and Melinda Hoefling; brothers, Charles, Duane, and John Hoefling; 2 sisters-in-law, Rita Hoefling, Maydell Hoefling; and a daughter-in-law, Vickie Juare.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at the First Lutheran Church in Centerville, IA.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at the First Lutheran Church in Centerville, IA, with Pastor Jeremy McElvain officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date at Mt. Ararat Cemetery in Centerville, IA.

A memorial has been established to Mt. Ararat Cemetery or the First Lutheran Church in Centerville.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
410 E. Sheridan Ave.  
Centerville, IA 52544

## Memorial Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
410 E. Sheridan Ave.  
Centerville, IA 52544

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ So sorry to hear of Donna's passing. She and my mother (Josephine Vola) were great friends and quilted together. I kept in touch with Donna and just had a conversation with her a couple months ago. I would have been at the funeral if I had known about it. Just found out. I'm sure you all know she loved her family!!!! I'll miss talking to her.

*Jean (Vola) Helm*

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**Jean (Vola) Helm** - September 11, 2024 at 06:46 PM

DL

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Craig and Family. Your mom was one of a kind, always with a smile. Prayers for you all.



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**Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson** - September 04, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Mae Dorothy (Hoefling) Houser.



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September 02, 2024 at 07:39 PM

DF

“ Donald Hoefling Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Mae Dorothy (Hoefling) Houser.

Donald Hoefling Family - September 02, 2024 at 07:39 PM

TJ

“ Tom and Sher Jordan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Mae Dorothy (Hoefling) Houser.

Tom and Sher Jordan - September 02, 2024 at 12:04 PM

TJ

“ Tom and Sher Jordan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donna Mae Dorothy (Hoefling) Houser.



Tom and Sher Jordan - September 02, 2024 at 12:04 PM

MS

“ Your Mom lived a long life but that doesnt make the loss any less, Mike and I send our heartfelt sympathy to your entire family, We remember watching her dance on television. She looked like she was having fun & she was good! Prayers

Mike & Gayla Sharp - September 01, 2024 at 08:19 PM

CB

“ Donna and I met at coffee many years ago. My husband and I became very good friends with her. It is a great loss to both of us as we felt very close to her. She always had good things to say about her family. She was very proud of her boys .I loved her, and I will miss her very much.

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**Cheryl A Burrows** - September 01, 2024 at 12:02 PM

JF

“ Sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a friendly, nice lady. I always like visiting with her. She loved her kids! Prayers for all of your fsmily 🙏🥹🙏

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**Jane M Fox** - August 31, 2024 at 01:53 PM

DE

“ Paul and I have known Donna for over 45 years! First because we worked with Bill out at Rathbun Lake; but then through FELC. Lots of good memories from throughout those years... I appreciated her 'being there' ...

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**Deb** - August 30, 2024 at 12:25 PM

DJ

“ Such a sweet lady! Condolences to the family!

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**Debra Jones** - August 29, 2024 at 08:03 PM

BL

“ *Barbra, Mandee, Myrna, Marie, lisa. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donna Mae Dorothy (Hoefling) Houser.*



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**Barbra, Mandee, Myrna, Marie, lisa.** - August 29, 2024 at 06:17 PM