

Donna Mae Bauer Hartman, 94, Sturgis, died Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital in Rapid City, SD.

Donna was born in Mitchell, SD, to Albert (A.J.) and Estelle (Zehnpfennig) Bauer and raised in Mitchell, graduating from Notre Dame High School. She attended Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, IA. She married Noel Hartman on December 2, 1950, and made their home in Sturgis welcoming their first child, Noel Jr., on November 27, 1951. In 1953, Donna became an independent representative dealer for Stanley Home Products, Inc. for over 61 years and enjoyed taking company trips to Mexico and Hawaii with her husband, who was also a Regional Manager with Stanley. The second son, Joel, arrived in 1957, and the third son, Alan, arrived in 1960. She was instrumental in starting and organizing the Sturgis Little League Baseball program and became President of the Sturgis Little League in 1968. She was presented an award "For Untiring Efforts in Promoting and Perpetuating the Sturgis Little League for 1967-1968". She cherished having coffee and conversations on many occasions with special friends Judy and Phyllis Mailloux, and Betty White. She had a long special friendship with Father Arnold Kari. She especially enjoyed seeing and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed sewing, crafting, chocolate, and collecting Angel figurines. She would also enjoy reminiscing about growing up, and loved to share the story of going fishing with her two brothers by walking down to the James River catching fish and not having to clean them.

Donna had an over 25-year career with the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospital at Ft. Meade as a Telephone Switchboard Operator in Sturgis, SD, retiring in 1998. After retiring, she became a volunteer in the Sturgis Regional Hospital gift shop. She was also the Treasurer and Secretary of the gift shop. She was a member in the hospital auxiliary and Catholic Church Alter Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Noel; her parents; brothers, Donald and James; and sister, Jeanette (Bauer) Leopold.

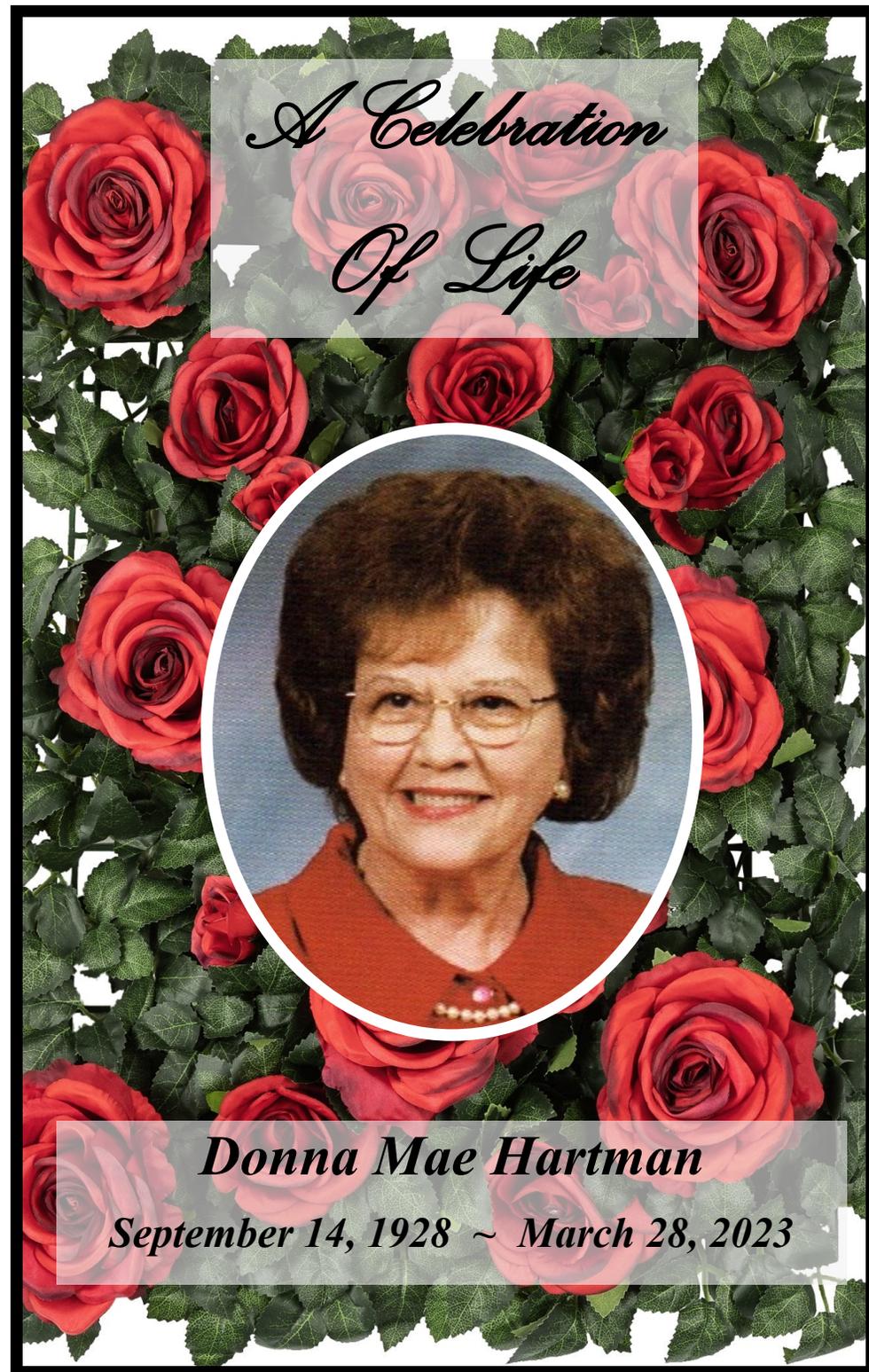
She is survived by her sons, Noel, Jr (Linda) of Tecumseh, OK, Joel (Pamela) of Sturgis, SD, and Alan (Nora) of Fargo, ND; Grandchildren, Jennifer (Cody) Hill, Brandon, Kimberly (Glen) San Juan, Nicole (Tyler) Odegaard, and Garrett; and great grandchildren, Autumn Hill, Arthur San Juan, Camille, and Nash Odegaard.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to St. Martin's Chapel, Sturgis, SD.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com)

*The family would like you to join them in fellowship and lunch following the committal service at Black Hills National Cemetery.*

*Thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*Dear Mom,*

*This is just a note to thank you      You've stood by us through thick and thin  
From the bottom of our hearts.      Though we have often err'd  
For many acts of kindness      But you have always been right there  
Which your loving soul imparts.      To let us know you cared  
We can't begin to tell you      So on this day we hope that you  
In the smaller things we do.      With all God's blessing find.  
How much you mean to each of us      And may his Angels guard you well  
As we journey this life through.      And bring you peace of mind.*

### ***THE ROSE BEYOND THE WALL***

*A rose grew where all could see  
sheltered beside a garden wall.  
And, as the days passed swiftly by,  
it spread its branches, straight and tall...  
One day, a beam of light shone through  
A crevice that had opened wide -  
The rose bent gently toward its warmth  
then passed beyond to the other side...  
Now, you who deeply feel its loss,  
be comforted - the rose blooms there -  
Its beauty even greater now,  
nurtured by God's own loving care.*

*Author unknown*

*In Loving Memory Of*

## ***Donna Mae Hartman***

***Born***

**September 14, 1928  
Mitchell, South Dakota**

***Died***

**March 28, 2023  
Rapid City, South Dakota**

***Funeral Service***

**Friday, April 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota**

***Celebrant***

**Father Gary Oreshoski**

***Musicians***

**Dr. Barry Furze    Sue Lloyd Davies**

***Musical Selections***

**“Here I am, Lord”    “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”  
“I am the Bread of Life”    “Ave Maria”  
“Come to Her Aid”    “Amazing Grace”**

***Pallbearers***

**Brandon Hartman    Cody Hill    Garrett Hartman  
Glen San Juan    Tyler Odegarrd**

***Honorary Pallbearers***

**All Her Friends and Family**

***Final Resting Place***

**Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota**