I Never Left You

by John F. Connor

I watch you every day
I'm always very near
I know deep in your heart
You realize I am here

I watch you while you sleep
In your bed at home
I hear you when you speak to me
When you are on your own.

You cannot understand
The reason why I have gone
But I will never leave you
I am there to keep you strong.

Talk to me, I hear you
Though you may not see
We share an unbroken bond
That will always be.

Death won't keep us apart
For our love is forever
Just remember me in your heart
And one day we will be together.

Live your life and live it full
Don't waste a single day
Remember I'm always with you
Every step of the way

To View Donna's LifeTribute Slideshow please use the camera on your smart phone to scan the QR code.

In Loving Memory Of

Donna Coleman

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Funeral Service
Friday, October 30, 2026
1:00 PM
Hartquist Funeral Home
Pipestone, Minnesota

Clergy
Rev. Velda Maine

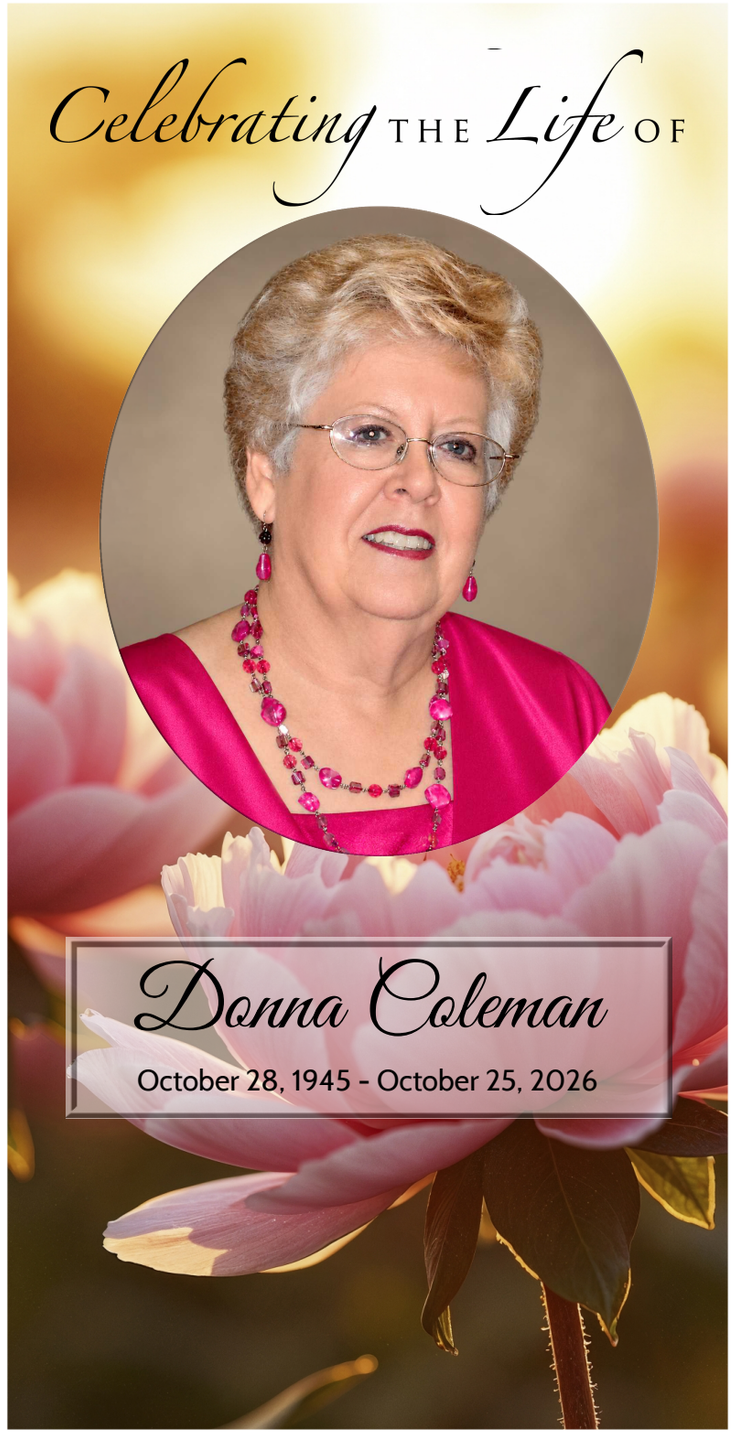
Scripture Readings
Psalm 23 Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
John 14:1-3, 27 Revelation 21:4

Recorded Music Selections
"Amazing Grace"
"To Where You Are"
"Pieces of Her Past"
"How Great Thou Art"
all recorded by John Sager

Casket Bearers
David Hinds Brad Steele
Kevin Penning Wayne Steele
Dave Steele Jamal Walhof
Brett Steele Jason Lindquist

Interment
New Woodlawn Cemetery
Pipestone, Minnesota

Arrangements Entrusted To
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME



Of all the creations of heaven and earth, love is the most precious. The word Grandmother means to us:

G is for how grateful we are to have her.
R is for radiant, for all the love and joy grandma shows to others.
A is for all the love she gives us.
N is for her never-ending caring ways.
D is for the delightful memories we cherish.
M is for all the moments together, precious and dear.
O is for openhearted, for being very kind and generous to others.
T is for touching others with her humor, kindness, love, and affection.
H is for her handiwork, which is a joy to receive.
E is for her endless energy, for she is always on the go.
R is for a reminder to us . . . of all that is great in life.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

And this is Grandma's legacy to . . . **"MY FAMILY"**



Donna Louise Coleman was born on October 28, 1945 to William and Marjorie (Barkley) Irwin in Sioux City, Iowa. While growing up Donna attended grade school and high school in Leeds, Iowa, a small suburb outside Sioux City. During her younger years Donna loved to attend dances. She graduated from Leeds High School in 1963 and a short week later she entered the workforce becoming employed as a price clerk for Albertson & Co., later called Sioux Tools. Donna worked diligently and she quickly moved to becoming the import and export clerk. On May 24, 1969, Donna was united in marriage to the love of her life, Eudell "Del" Coleman. The couple resided in Sioux City for a while before moving to South Sioux City in Nebraska where Donna worked for two years at Dura Pak Inc., a local fishing tackle business. Not long after her marriage to Del, Donna was asked to come back to work for Sioux Tools, as they had changed their policy from only single women working there to also include married women. The callback was a testament to her work ethic and professionalism. Donna worked for Sioux Tools until 1974 when she and Del welcomed their first daughter, Kimberly Lorraine. By that time, they had moved to Onawa, Iowa for Del's job as a police officer. In December of 1974, Del was offered a local job in Pipestone, Minnesota and the family relocated. Two years later, the family welcomed their second daughter, Kristie Louise. In 1979 Donna started an in-home daycare for a few years then was employed for a local taxi business where she helped answer phones and drove the taxi. When the City of Pipestone took over the taxi business, Donna continued to work for them until her retirement in February of 2012. Del preceded Donna in death on April 9, 2013. Donna passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at the Pipestone County Hospice House, at the age of 80 years, 11 months and 28 days, where she was met with the open arms of her husband, Del and great-grandson, Tyler.

Donna was an active member in the American Legion Auxiliary and the VFW Auxiliary, in which during her time with them she was the president of both Auxiliaries. She was a member of the Pipestone Senior Center and was a lifetime member of the Boys Town National Alumni Auxiliary. Donna and Del celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in 2009 by getting remarried at their party surrounded by their family. Her family and friends were the center of her life, Del passed before meeting any of his great-grandchildren, so Donna poured love for the both of them into their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She never took for granted having her family living close to her, it was one of the biggest blessings in her life. Her great sense of humor, selflessness and kindness will be deeply missed by those who had the privilege to know her.

Donna is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Kimberly Steele of Pipestone, Minnesota and Kristie (Jason) Lindquist of Pipestone; her grandchildren, Brad (Dezirae) Steele, Brett (Becca) Steele, Brittani Steele, Brianna (Jamal Walhof) Steele, Sydney Coleman, Keagan Coleman-Theel and Grayson Lindquist; and her beloved great-grandchildren, Lane, Luke and Addison Steele, Josi Thomssen, Wesley Otto, Hayden and Holten Walhof, Lilly, Bane and Boden Steele; and her sister, Carol (Jim) Hinds. Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Del Coleman; parents, William and Marjorie Irwin; grandparents, Ben (Jessie) Barkley, and Charles (Jenny) Irwin; great-grandson, Tyler Matthew Steele; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

