



## Donna Faye Baertsch

April 26, 1929 - October 6, 2015

Donna Faye Baertsch, age 86, of Beach, North Dakota passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. A Wake will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at United Community Church in Beach. Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Friday, October 9, 2015 at the United Community Church in Beach. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, October 9, 2015 at the United Community Church with Reverend Warren Maxted officiating. Interment will follow in the Beach City Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Donna was born on April 26, 1929 in Tuttle, North Dakota to William and Ida (Bjordahl) Stark. She was raised and educated in the Tuttle area. After her education, she moved to Bismarck and worked at the Woolworth Company then Frosted Food Lockers. While in Bismarck she met her future husband Donald.

Donna married Don at his parents' home in Mandan, North Dakota on May 29, 1948, and they enjoyed nearly 59 years of marriage together before his passing. From this union six children were born. Following their marriage, they farmed for a couple of years in the Tuttle/Wing area. On December 1, 1963 the family moved to Beach.

Donna spent the next part of her life raising her children as a stay at home mother. Later, she worked as a guide for the Chateau de Mores in Medora, North Dakota, a job she really loved. She also worked as a secretary for

Golden Valley Dairy.

Donna was an avid card player and loved playing bingo on Friday evenings at the Legion. She and Don loved to dance, especially waltzing. Donna never knew a stranger; she was a wonderful hostess and always had a pot of coffee ready for anyone who stopped by. Donna and Don enjoyed many happy times at both their lake cabin in Williston and in Medora where they loved to float the river. They spent a lot of time traveling to banking conventions and enjoyed spending their winters in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ida Stark; her husband, Donald Baertsch; a son, Donn "Butch" Baertsch; and two grandsons, Scott Baertsch and Chad Baertsch.

Donna is survived by her five children, Steve (Connie) Baertsch of Rapid City, South Dakota, Mike (Lisa) Baertsch of Beach, Patricia (Herbert Sr.) Giorgio of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dee Ann Baertsch (Wally Owen) of Medora and Sandy Baertsch (Oscar Knudtson) of Medora; her grandchildren, Jody Gehman, Wade Baertsch, Herbert (Jill) Giorgio Jr., Matt (Katie) Giorgio, Dusty (Emily) Baertsch, and Ashlee Cook; ten great-grandchildren and Hank her beloved cat.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Golden Valley County Ambulance Service.

# Cemetery Details

## Beach City Cemetery

Beach, ND 58621

# Previous Events

## Wake

OCT 8. 7:00 PM (MT)

United Community Church  
335 South Central Avenue  
Beach, ND 58621

## Visitation

OCT 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

United Community Church  
335 South Central Avenue  
Beach, ND 58621

## Family & Friends Service

OCT 9. 2:00 PM (MT)

United Community Church  
335 South Central Avenue  
Beach, ND 58621

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Faye Baertsch*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Donna added a spark to any room or event - a fun lady! Our thoughts and sympathy -*

*Dan and Suzi Dinkel*

Suzi Williams - October 12, 2015 at 12:28 PM



“ *Dear Pat and Family,  
So sorry for your loss, I will keep you all in my prayers.  
Maureen Cahill*

Maureen Cahill - October 12, 2015 at 09:22 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Donna. Prayers are with you all.*

alice kunick - October 10, 2015 at 04:57 PM



“ *Pat, Herbert Sr. and Family, I am so very sorry for the loss you are experiencing. The passing of someone we care so much about is so very difficult. I send hugs and prayers during this time. - Kellie Jimerson*

Kellie Jimerson - October 09, 2015 at 08:17 PM

HC

“ Pat and family,  
I am thinking of each of you at this time. I hope your memories bring you comfort during this difficult time. I never met your mom but in reading her obituary you can tell she loved life. My thoughts are with you.  
Helen Crunk



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**Helen Crunk** - October 09, 2015 at 03:08 PM

CU

“ So very sorry for your loss. Donna will be missed by many.

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**Charles & Shirley Uetz** - October 09, 2015 at 12:28 PM

MG

“ Over the last several years as I went home I stayed in touch with Donna. She had reminded me when I graduated from high school to keep in touch with her and I did. She would be standing at the door with a big smile on her face and a hug for me. I will miss her generosity and kind spirit. She and my mom became close friends after the passing of their husbands and often journeyed to Medora for breakfast and an exciting game of pinochle in which my mom and Donna would emerge victorious over Dee and Wally. She never failed to check up on Miki and I in the desert and would call my mom to see if we were o.k. if she heard any news of bad weather in Arizona. She was a cool mom who never seem frazzled by all of the extra stay overs at her house and would tell stories of previous "parties" at her house where a glass coffee table had been broken, etc. She was so proud of her family and would show me pictures of everyone when I visited. It won't be the same when I go home without "Mrs. Baertsch" as I called her. I will miss her.

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**Margie Gorrell** - October 09, 2015 at 09:47 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Faye Baertsch.*



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October 09, 2015 at 12:03 AM



“ *Joann Gorrell purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donna Faye Baertsch.*



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**Joann Gorrell** - October 08, 2015 at 11:20 AM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Donna Faye Baertsch.*



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October 08, 2015 at 10:47 AM



“ *From your family at Evergreen Estates purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Donna Faye Baertsch.*



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**From your family at Evergreen Estates** - October 08, 2015 at 09:58 AM

KS

“ Steve and Connie, so sorry to read about the loss of your mother and mother-in-law Karen Sorenson

Karen Sorenson - October 08, 2015 at 09:26 AM

MM

“ To Donna's Family,  
My prayers and sympathy to you all of you. Donna was a special classy lady and always had a smile for everyone. She made everyone's day brighter wherever she went. May her lovely soul rest in peace  
Marilyn Barthel Moe

Marilyn Moe - October 08, 2015 at 08:52 AM

MP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Donna's passing, she was such a kind person. Sending many prayers and hugs to the family during this difficult time. She will be missed by many❤️

Mic Peterson - October 08, 2015 at 08:42 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Faye Baertsch.



October 08, 2015 at 12:02 AM

MZ

“ Donna was without a doubt, one of the most loving and generous people on this planet. I ought to know, considering I practically lived there during my high school years. Throughout the years whenever I came home, she always called and made sure we got together either in Beach or Medora. I had dinner with Mom, Donna, Dee & Wally at the Roughrider Hotel in August. She loved Medora and the badlands. Donna and Mom talked on the phone everyday. After Dad passed, Donna included Mom in weekend breakfasts in Medora. They enjoyed maple nut ice cream cones, Big Train lattes and playing cards at the cabin. I know Mom will miss her greatly. Before I left to go back to Arizona we had lunch at La Playa. She looked so beautiful. I know she missed Don and the life they had. What a dashing couple they made!!! Hopefully they are waltzing somewhere in Heaven. Rest in Peace

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**Miki Zeman** - October 07, 2015 at 06:22 PM