



## Donna Mae Heinrich

May 16, 1936 - February 12, 2023

Donna Mae Heinrich passed into her lord's presence Sunday February 12, 2023. She was born in Odessa, North Dakota, May 16, 1936 to Martha (Schramm) and Adolph Kallis. She attended school in New Leipzig, North Dakota, and then attended Dickinson State College where she received her Teaching Certificate. She taught at two different schools, one of which is where she met and dated Vernon Heinrich. They were later married on June 8, 1958 in New Leipzig. After their marriage they lived in Yankton, South Dakota, where Vernon was attending college. This is where their first child was born, son Rase in 1959. After Vernon graduated college the family bought a farm in Hazen, North Dakota, this is where their next two children were born, daughter Wanda in 1960 and son Shane in 1962. The family then bought a farm in Mott, North Dakota, where they had their final child, daughter Ila in 1965.

In 1969 the family and two of Vernon's brothers bought a ranch in Savage, Montana, here Donna worked as a substitute teacher, a dedicated 4-H Leader as well as raising four kids, helping with all the chores, and raising a large garden. She enjoyed canning, cooking and sewing, and teaching these to anyone who wanted to learn.

In 1975 the ranch was sold and the family moved to Glendive, Montana. Here she worked at home until the kids had all graduated from school and moved away. Donna worked at Glendive Medical Center in the housekeeping department for 25 years, and was very active in her church.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, mother-in-law and father-in-law Carl and Ernestine Heinrich and daughter Wanda Diede.

Survivors include Vernon, husband of 64 years, son Rase (Cyndie) Heinrich of Stagecoach, NV, son Shane (Tamera) Heinrich of Yakima, WA, daughter Ila (Wayne) Cirone of Washoe Valley, NV, brother Lee (Diane) Kallis of Yakima, WA, sister Eileen Gibbons Peterson of Spokane, WA, granddaughter Tonya (Nate) Champa of Stevensville, MT, granddaughter April (Justin) Mannhardt of Minneapolis, MN, grandsons Nathan (Danielle) Diede of Lambert, MT, Ben (Sarah) Diede of Sidney, MT, Colton (Maria) Heinrich of Colorado Springs, CO, granddaughter Angela Cirone of Carson City, NV, eight great-grandchildren with the ninth arriving soon, and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the First Congressional Church UCC of Glendive, or to a charity of your choice, in Donna's name.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Thursday, February 16, 2023 at Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 17, 2023 at the First Congregational Church in Glendive with Brother Guy Pontoriero officiating. Interment will follow in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements

# Cemetery Details

## Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard  
Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana  
221 N. Meade Avenue  
P.O. Box 848  
Glendive, MT 59330  
(406) 377-2622  
silha@midrivers.com  
<https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB **17**. 2:00 PM (MT)

First Congregational Church  
120 West Power Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss! Donna was always a wonderful neighbor. She was the kindest person and I always loved our talks and her hugs! She will be greatly missed!* ”

Sue Atwell - February 22, 2023 at 09:45 PM



*thank you,  
Ila Cirone and family*

Ila Cirone - March 12, 2023 at 05:28 PM

KS

“ *Kristie Stanhope lit a candle in memory of Donna Heinrich* ”



Kristie Stanhope - February 19, 2023 at 09:50 AM

DD

“ *Our heartfelt condolences for Donna's family. She will be remembered fondly.* ”  
*Scott and Darcy Duke*

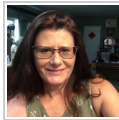
Darcy Duke - February 17, 2023 at 04:47 PM

JC

“ Donna has been a good friend for along time. .In the day when they had the ranch we shared many experiences raising our kids and working as neighbors..They were good times and we always had many stories to laugh about. She also had a good heart and could always find the something nice in every thing. Our prayers go to you, Vernon, and to your kids. Jim and Cathy

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**Jim and Cathy** - February 16, 2023 at 09:11 PM



Thank you Jim and Cathy, you are great friends.  
Ila and Wayne Cirone

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**Ila Cirone** - March 12, 2023 at 05:31 PM

JK

“ We so enjoyed Donna when they lived by us - sausage making, lefse making, kids helping her take things apart in the shop... her words of wisdom to them still passes through when I unscrew something 😊 righty tighty lefty loosey ❤️  
Your smile and hugs will be forever cherished. Prayers to all her family 😞

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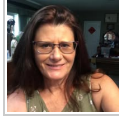
**Jo Kalloch** - February 16, 2023 at 06:54 PM

MI

“ Donna was a great friend, always enjoyed visiting with her. I am sorry we can not attend the service, Tommy is home from the hospital but I do not leave him along yet. Sending prayers to her whole family that God will give you the comfort you need at this difficult time. Remember all the great memories and special times, keep then close to your heart and share them with your families. May God Bless each of you.  
Tommy and Margery Ingraham

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**Margery Ingraham** - February 16, 2023 at 10:42 AM



*Tom and Margery, thank you.  
Ila and Wayne Cirone*

Ila Cirone - March 12, 2023 at 05:33 PM

SS

“ So sorry for alls loss. Donna was very dedecsted to her family @ jobs esp for gmc

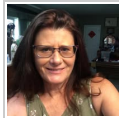


sue schwindt - February 16, 2023 at 09:03 AM

JR

“ A hug from Donna meant more than just about anything! I enjoyed our coffee visits, I will surely miss her. Prayers for her, Vernon and family.

Jack Rice - February 15, 2023 at 10:54 PM



*Thank you Jack, for your visits with the folks.  
Ila and Wayne Cirone*

Ila Cirone - March 12, 2023 at 05:33 PM

DS

“ Debbie Sikveland lit a candle in memory of Donna Heinrich



Debbie Rice Sikveland - February 15, 2023 at 05:15 PM

HN

“ Heidi Nelson lit a candle in memory of Donna Heinrich



Heidi Nelson - February 15, 2023 at 04:02 PM

MK

“ Donna was a treasured church friend.....always willing to take the lead; I will miss her so much



Myrna Kintz - February 15, 2023 at 01:29 PM

NK

“ Donna was such a hard worker. When she was a supervisor at the hospital, I know that she never asked more of her employees than she was willing to do herself. Vern and family, I know you will miss her. My thoughts and sympathy go out to you.



NANCY KORB - February 15, 2023 at 10:36 AM

RA

“ Donna was a perfect neighbor. She was fun to visit with, always kind and generous. Brandings, barbeques, holiday celebrations, Donna would arrive and without fuss organize the work. Her wise council saved me many times.

Rose Marie Aus

Rose Marie Aus - February 15, 2023 at 12:16 AM

KM

*Donna was always such a great lady! She and Vern were a great couple , what a great, long marriage they enjoyed, each helping each other! God Bless!*

**Kevin McGovern** - February 17, 2023 at 08:56 AM



*Thank you Rose Marie,  
Ila and Wayne Cirone*

**Ila Cirone** - March 12, 2023 at 05:34 PM

DN

“ *Donna Keith Nelson lit a candle in memory of Donna Heinrich*



**Donna and Keith Nelson** - February 14, 2023 at 11:22 PM

BJ

“ *Vern and family, we are so sorry! You are in our thoughts and prayers. Donna was one of a kind without a doubt. She will be missed.*



**Bob and Dixie Justice** - February 14, 2023 at 09:42 PM

LI

“ *Donna was such a joy to be around. Sending hugs and prayers to all of you.*  
*Lynn and Gary Ingraham*



**Lynn Ingraham** - February 14, 2023 at 09:29 PM

KP

“ Our thoughts and prayers to a wonderful neighbor and the family. Donna had a kind heart and a beautiful garden. She will be missed.



Kelly n Ginger Pulse - February 14, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ I loved Donna! I met her when we volunteered at Christian Womens together. What a delight she was. We are so sorry for your loss, Vernon. Our prayers are with you.

Peggy Boese - February 14, 2023 at 04:02 PM

ET

“ Vern and family we are so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. I worked many years at GMC with her. She was such a wonderful person and will be missed.



ED and Noreen Turnquist - February 14, 2023 at 03:11 PM

PR

“ Vernon, Nathan & Family,  
I have known Donna since i was a little girl. She was truly one of the purest hearts I've ever met. So many prayers to you and my grandbabies.  
Pam Rice

Pam Rice - February 14, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Mae Heinrich.*



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February 14, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I worked at GMC with Donna. She was always positive and worked hard.*  
*Sheila*



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**Sheila Knutson** - February 14, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ *Donna was a dear neighbor to us. We will miss her. May the angels lead her into paradise.*  
*Maureen & Gary Lundman*

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**Maureen Lundman** - February 14, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear this. I worked with Donna for many years at Glendive Medical Center and our friendship continued after we both left GMC. Such a kind , loving person. She will be missed. Prayers for comfort to her family.*



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**Penny Zimmerman** - February 14, 2023 at 08:47 AM

GE

“ Grace Evinrude lit a candle in memory of  
Donna Heinrich



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**Grace Koffler Evinrude** - February 14, 2023 at 07:17 AM

BS

“ Prayers for family



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**Betty Shearer** - February 14, 2023 at 12:07 AM

BT

“ So sorry to hear about Donna's passing. I've never worked with  
such a Hard Working lady! She will be missed!  
Cherish your Memories!  
RIP Donna  
Becky(Chouinard) Tipton

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**Becky Tipton** - February 13, 2023 at 11:28 PM

CH

Thank you so much. 😊  
Fondly,  
Rase & Cyndie Heinrich

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**Cyndie Heinrich** - March 05, 2023 at 06:52 PM

MS

“ Thanking of you all during this time always sending blessed hugs  
friendship and prayers!!

Mike & Jacky Boje Saur - February 13, 2023 at 10:21 PM

CH

Thank you so much.  
Fondly,  
Rase & Cyndie Heinrich

Cyndie Heinrich - March 05, 2023 at 06:53 PM

LD

“ Linda Deines lit a candle in memory of Donna  
Heinrich



Linda Deines - February 13, 2023 at 09:00 PM

CH

Thank you 🙏  
Rase & Cyndie Heinrich

Cyndie Heinrich - March 05, 2023 at 06:56 PM

LM

“ Laurie Mittelstaed lit a candle in memory of  
Donna Heinrich



Laurie Smith Mittelstaed - February 13, 2023 at 08:55 PM

CH

*Thank you 😊  
Rase & Cyndie Heinrich*

**Cyndie Heinrich** - March 05, 2023 at 06:58 PM

MM

“ *I always enjoyed visiting with Donna. So sorry for your loss.*

**Marla McCormick** - February 13, 2023 at 07:22 PM

CH

*Thank you so much.  
Fondly,  
Rase & Cyndie Heinrich*

**Cyndie Heinrich** - March 05, 2023 at 06:59 PM

TH

“ *Donna was a wonderful woman. I'm so sorry  
for your loss.*



**Teresa Hathaway** - February 13, 2023 at 07:07 PM

CH

*Thank you.  
Fondly,  
Rase & Cyndie Heinrich*

**Cyndie Heinrich** - March 05, 2023 at 06:59 PM

IC

*Thank you Teresa, was so nice to visit.  
ILA Cirone*

**Ila Cirone** - March 12, 2023 at 05:26 PM