



Donna Yarger

August 8, 1925 - April 21, 2024

Donna Lucille Yarger passed away quietly in her sleep on Sunday, April 21st at the McCone County Nursing Home in Circle Montana. She was 98 years old. She is survived by her two sons, Floyd and Charles, along with five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Bob, grandson Casey and great-granddaughter Waris.

Donna was born in Bradshaw Nebraska on August 8th, 1925 to parents Floyd and Clarissa Quick. She was the third of seven children. When she was very young, Donna, along with her parents and siblings, moved to McCone County where she spent the majority of her life.

Donna attended several country schools before graduating from Circle High School at the age of 17. Because of the shortage of teachers, a program was developed allowing high school graduates the opportunity to teach school for 9 months during the school year and attend college during the summer.

Certification was required to continue the program and Donna participated for many years. She earned her Bachelor's, Master's, and everything but the dissertation for her PhD during the summers while teaching during the school year.

In addition to teaching school and working on the ranch, Donna was appointed by the County Commissioner to the office of Civil Defense Director where she served for several years. She was also very active in the Circle Women's Auxiliary.

She was an avid sports fan and loved to travel to watch her children and

grandchildren compete in events. Throughout her life, Donna was involved in 4H and taught many people how to block and show sheep at the fair. Although not widely known, Donna drove dirt track stock cars in her younger years. In one of her races she was going so fast she missed a corner and took out nearly 100 yards of barbed wire fence. She still won that race.

After she retired from teaching she kept busy making and giving away star quilts. She also enjoyed her roles as Mrs. Claus, the wicked witch and the Easter Bunny and continued to visit the schools, the nursing home, and local businesses on holidays.

After her husband Bob died, Donna moved to Circle for a couple years before settling in with her oldest granddaughter in Bozeman. She later moved into an assisted living home in Gallatin County and finally relocated back to Circle where she lived at the McCone County Nursing Home until she passed.

Funeral Services will be held at the Circle High School gymnasium on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 2:00 PM with Pastor Owen Childers officiating.

Interment will follow in the Riverview Cemetery in Circle. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers or donations, contributions can be made to the McCone County Nursing Home.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

Circle, MT 59215

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 11. 2:00 PM (MT)

Circle High School Gymnasium
1105 F Ave.
Circle, MT 59215

Tribute Wall



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Silha Funeral Home - May 09, 2024 at 04:14 PM

DQ

“ *Donna Q. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Donna Yarger.*



Donna Q. - May 08, 2024 at 06:54 PM

PD

“ *Pat Smith, Michelle Stearns, S Doherty purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donna Yarger.*



Pat Smith, Michelle Stearns, S Doherty - May 08, 2024 at 09:13 AM

MB

“ Donna was such a loving and happy person....She loved to sew and me and her used to share our experiences the good ones and bad ones of our crafts...She also helped me this year take the tape off the Plastic Easter Eggs after our Easter Egg hunt at the nursing home. Donna will surely be missed around the home. Condolences to her family..... Marie Bernard

Marie Bernard - May 07, 2024 at 10:40 PM

M)

“ Marie Bernard (Friend) lit a candle in memory of Donna Yarger



Marie Bernard (Friend) - May 07, 2024 at 10:25 PM

BQ

“ 1 file added to the album Donna



Brad Quick - May 06, 2024 at 11:51 PM

DS

“ Donna was the first principal I taught for from 1979 - 1983. (Third grade) She certainly set the bar high for all those to follow. She was so kind and encouraging. I remember she always made delicious sandwiches, with homemade bread, for faculty meetings! Who'd want to miss those meetings! She gave me a precious poster that she had hung in her classroom, to hang in mine. I had that poster framed, and it hung in my daughter's bedrooms when they were young. I still have it hanging in my guest bedroom. Fond memories to this day.

After a 34 year teaching career for the Department of Defense in Germany, I have now retired to Florida. Donna was a wonderful mentor and will always hold a place in my heart. Darilyn McCracken Shaver

Darilyn McCracken Shaver - May 06, 2024 at 09:11 PM

RM

“ Rachel McCloy lit a candle in memory of Donna Yarger



Rachel McCloy - May 06, 2024 at 06:05 PM

DM

“ Yager families, Donna was such a beautiful and kind lady who left a beautiful legacy to so many kids and families in McCone County. May God comfort you in your sorrow. Don & Nancy Moos

Don & Nancy Moos - May 02, 2024 at 03:28 PM

JH

“ *What a wonderful Lady.
She had such a big heart, I can't believe her body could actually
carry it. Privileged to have known her! Rest in Peace Donna.* 😭

Jeri Heinzman - May 02, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Donna Yarger.*



May 01, 2024 at 09:29 PM

TS

“ *Tammy Naasz Enghusen (June's sis) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Donna Yarger.*

Tammy Naasz Enghusen (June's sis) - May 01, 2024 at 09:29 PM

AW

“ *Arnell Wagner lit a candle in memory of
Donna Yarger*



Arnell Wagner - April 30, 2024 at 03:39 PM

LH

“ Donna was one of my favorite teachers at the Horse Creek School. Sometimes she would trade sandwiches with me at lunch time. Such a sweet caring person. So very sorry for your loss.

Loretta Tousley Hodous - April 26, 2024 at 11:16 AM

LS

Donna was a bright spot at our homemaker club meetings. She was always giving. So sorry to the family for your loss.

Larry and Sheri Schmidt - May 02, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JM

Donna was such a caring, giving lady, always so kind to adults and students alike! She and Mother would have such fun designing special costumes which Mother sewed for her. A Mrs. Santa dress was a favorite which she wore for many years. She passed 9 years to the day after my Mother.

Jeanie Mahlstedt - May 09, 2024 at 05:36 PM