



Donna Mae Petersen

April 8, 1928 - January 7, 2023

On Easter Sunday, April 8, 1928, Donna Mae Lawson was born into this world in Luck, Wisconsin. In 1948, she married Harley “Putter” Petersen. Throughout their married life they enjoyed traveling the United States. She passed away January 7, 2023, at the age of 94.

Donna’s first love was always her family. However, she was well known for her interest in retail and fashion which she developed in her younger years working in her father’s General Store. In the 70’s, she opened the Fabric Shoppe in the Olde Minocqua Boardwalk. There, she could always be found behind her sewing machine working on another project.

She was preceded in death by her husband Putter, son Kent, and many dear relatives and friends. She is survived by her son Brad, daughters-in-law Patty and Lori, and grandchildren Stacy (Mike Harvey), Brady, Erika (Charlie Miller), Mark (Molly), Andrea, and Kara. Also, great grandchildren Lexi, Malreaux, Brady Jr., Layla Petersen, Reese and Quinn Harvey, Nora and Charles Miller, and Harley and Louise Petersen.

The family would like to express their thanks to the staff of Minocqua Health and Rehabilitation for the wonderful care that Donna received during her stay there. Also the family would like to thank Barb Been and Dorothe Coates for their support and friendship to Donna and her family.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 15 from 12:30 to 2:00 at Ascension Lutheran Church on Highway 51 South, Minocqua, with the service to follow. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Ascension Lutheran Church or Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Columbarium Gardens at Ascension Lutheran Church

Minocqua, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ascension Lutheran Church
7937 Hwy 51 S
Minocqua, WI

Memorial Service

JAN 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ *what a wonderful LADY. our great fortune to know and work with her.*

joel/linda mastalski - July 31, 2023 at 04:19 PM

MO

“ *I was saddened to learn of Donna's passing, and wish I had the opportunity to know this lovely lady better as you, her family, were always sharing her creativity with antiques, fabrics, and acts of kindness, etc. All of you as well as those she touched will miss her. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Sincerely, Mary Lou (Chart) Oldfield, Plano, TX*

Mary Lou (Chart) Oldfield - January 27, 2023 at 11:17 AM

NC

“ *Donna was a local treasure. We were privileged to know her through the years, and of course she will be greatly missed. What an interesting life she had.*

Nancy and Robin Coleman - January 23, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Donna lived a good and long life. I remember her for her Poppy Seed Cake. She planted many seeds of kindness and acts of love. Wouldn't it be great if there were more of her? Betty Grundy*

Betty Grundy - January 18, 2023 at 09:46 AM

KE

“ *A once in a lifetime friend and mentor. You will be missed by so many. Thank you Donna Mae. 💕*

Kathy Endter - January 15, 2023 at 03:16 PM

NR

“ I worked with Donna for many years at the General Store. I loved her vibrant personality and considered her my friend. Rest in peace until we meet again.

Nancy Ravanelli - January 14, 2023 at 06:55 PM

DC

“ Donna Mae-the hostest with the mostest! So many wonderful memories of Petersen family reunions. She was such a wonderful hostess-no fuss with Donna Mae! Shout out to cousin Kent, too-we miss you!

Darcy Christensen - January 13, 2023 at 01:10 PM

DC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Darcy Christensen - January 13, 2023 at 01:09 PM

DA

“ 1 file added to the album Donna Mae 1



Darcy - January 13, 2023 at 12:57 PM

JT

“ Donna was a lovely woman, She was one of those special people who made Ascension ELCA the warm, vital congregation it has been. We extend our sincere condolences to her loving family. ~
Jerry and Jenni Tiziani

Jennifer Tiziani - January 12, 2023 at 12:42 PM

KR

“ Donna was a very special woman in so many ways and she will be dearly missed. I loved her positivity and spunk! She was the kind of person that was a joy to be around and we all will miss her dearly. Thank you Donna for being the lady that you were. Sorry we will be out of town for the service. Best wishes to all the family. Kirby and Anne Redman

Kirby Redman - January 10, 2023 at 10:03 PM

MJ

“ I worked with Donna at the Fabric Shop for about 3 summers when I was in college and then after marrying. We had a lot of fun sewing together and promoting all the special events and fashion shows. My condolences to her family! Mary Ames St. John

Mary St John - January 10, 2023 at 04:34 PM

SJ

“ Donna was always a delight when she entered our ice cream store for a vanilla cone on one of her walks around town on a beautiful day. She made a bright day... brighter.

Susan and David Jaster - January 09, 2023 at 10:23 PM