



## **DONNA ELAINE SLOAN**

January 14, 1934 - November 9, 2024

Donna Elaine Sloan

Donna Elaine Sloan was born on January 14, 1934, and completed her life journey on November 9, 2024, at SpringBrook Village in LaCrescent.

Before moving to SpringBrook, Donna lived her entire life in Hokah. Faith being very important, she was an active lifelong member of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

On April 8, 1953, Donna married the love of her life, Ernie. Together they had six children, and Donna was a stay at home mom. In her middle years she did in-home daycare and later worked for Kwik Trip.

Donna enjoyed working in her garden and canning the fruits and vegetables of her labor. She also enjoyed a good card game, early morning cribbage games with Ernie, crossword puzzles, embroidery, jigsaw puzzles, but most of all spending time at the cabin.

If you left Donna's house hungry, it was your own fault. She always had a sandwich or dessert ready for you.

Donna is survived by her six children, Pat (Jim) Heydon, Nancy Larson, Bill

(Lynne) Sloan, Mike (Janel) Sloan, Susan Sloan, and Jennifer (Alan) Kennedy; nine grandchildren, who were her pride and joy, Abby (Adam), Angie (Brian), Matthew (Jen), Megan, Jana (Jesse), Emily, Sam (Carley), Dan (Ellen), and Mason. Included in that joy, are her five great-grandchildren, Max, Emma, Lila, Frankie, and Sadie. She is also survived by her sisters, Irene (Darrell) Schimek and Carolyn Winchester; sisters-in-law, Barb Miller and Glenda Miller; brother-in-law, Lyle Wehrs; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Ernie in 2022; son-in-law, Ernie Larson; parents, John and Helen Miller; brothers, Alfred, Jack and Jim Miller; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Will Winchester, John and Dorine Sloan, Glen and Valrie Sloan, Lynn and Eileen Sloan, and Mary Wehrs.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 am, Saturday, November 23, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Hokah, MN. Father John L. Evans, II will officiate. The visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:45 am followed by the eulogy. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Hokah.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at SpringBrook and Moment's Hospice for the loving care you gave our Mom. She always told us that you took such great care of her.

Music was her joy during her time at SpringBrook. A heartfelt thanks to Jan, Amelia, the music therapist for Moment's Hospice, Emma Blank and all the other performers who Mom would sing along with.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to St. Peter's School or Church.

Condolences for the family may be sent to:

Pat Heydon  
4029 5th St. NW  
Rochester, MN 55901

The funeral will be live-streamed on McCormick Funeral Service, Caledonia,  
Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church  
34 Main Street  
Hokah, MN 55941

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church  
34 Main Street  
Hokah, MN 55941

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ Donna was one of the kindest, warmest, and most giving people I knew. I was blessed to have gotten to know her over the past couple of years at Springbrook, where she brightened my workdays with a smile and a gentle hug. Whether it was playing bingo, chatting about our families, or even just sitting and watching a game show together in the evenings, Donna was such a comforting presence for myself and other staff members. I will always remember the impact Donna made on my life and cherish the memories I have with her. My deepest sympathies and love to all her family, who always showed me kindness and compassion when visiting Donna. Sincerely, Anna McClintock (the activities/water girl)

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**Anna McClintock** - November 21, 2024 at 11:36 AM

NL

Oh Anna, thank you for sharing such beautiful memories about your time with my Mom. And thank you for the loving care you gave her. Mom and I never saw you without your beautiful smile for us. Your presence made a difference. Keep sharing your gift. 💕 Nancy

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**Nancy Larson** - November 22, 2024 at 07:17 PM

JH

“ Even though I did not have the privilege of knowing Donna until she and Ernie came to Spring Brook, I saw 2 of the most loving, gentle, giving individuals. There was always a smile and a kind word where one felt like you had known them all your life. After the death of Ernie, Donna told me that every morning they would sing How Great Thou Art. That hymn became the staple to begin my music on Wednesdays. I will continue to do that in honor of 2 amazing people. My deepest sympathy to all the family. Jan Hanesworth

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**Janice Hanesworth** - November 16, 2024 at 11:26 AM

NA

*Thank you, Jan. What a beautiful tribute to my beautiful parents. The final hymn at Mom's service will be How Great Thou Art. She absolutely loved you and your gift of music.*

**Nancy** - November 18, 2024 at 10:14 PM

MF

“ *Maxine & Venson Fields & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of DONNA ELAINE SLOAN.*



**Maxine & Venson Fields & Family** - November 15, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of DONNA ELAINE SLOAN.*



November 13, 2024 at 08:38 PM

SB

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

**Susan Bauer** - November 13, 2024 at 09:22 AM

CZ

“ *I was deeply saddened to hear that Donna has passed away. She was the best neighbor anyone could ever have had. Carol Zumach.*



**Carol. Zumach** - November 12, 2024 at 03:36 PM