



## Donna Mae Best

January 16, 1929 - December 12, 2023

In Lieu of Flowers - Memorials are to be directed to the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church or Geneva Rescue.

Donna M. Best (Fredrickson), 94, of Geneva, peacefully passed away December 12, 2023 in her home while surrounded by family. She was born on a farm north of Bassett, Nebraska on January 16, 1929. As a young child, she loved walking the corral fences of the Bassett Livestock Exchange, which was built and operated by her father. She spent most of her childhood years in Bassett and the Long Pine areas before moving to Kearney with her family in 1943. She graduated from Kearney High School in 1945.

Donna met and soon married Donald Best on May 29, 1947 and they celebrated 66 years of marriage together until his death in 2013. She raised her family and supported Don throughout his career with a classy and strong way that always showed compassion for others. Aside from raising her 5 children, she worked for various businesses in town and operated a daycare for many years in her home. She was a true matriarch of the family.

She and Donald were founding members of several churches in various communities, including Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Geneva. She served others as a church council member, as the president of the church's women's group, as president and secretary of Stewardship and treasurer of

the Nebraska Women's Southern Prairie Conference. For over 50 years, she loved serving and leading meal service for funerals and soup suppers at the church.

Donna loved to bake cookies, cakes, cinnamon rolls, and cook meals for company and family alike. It was never too long after coming to her home that she would ask, "have you eaten?" She welcomed everyone and was gracious in granting her full attention to all that visited with her. She loved planting and nurturing her flower gardens and always had time to be part of her children's events.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, parents Malta and Mae Fredrickson of Axtell, Nebraska, sisters Marie (Andy) Anderson of Bassett and Blanche (Clarence) Burger of Lincoln, brother James (Wanda, Neva (deceased)) Fredrickson of Long Pine, two infant twin sons Kerry and Terry, and grandson, Anthony Bertuccelli.

She is survived by daughter Cristy and husband Keith Koch of Sutton, NE; Cheryl Bertuccelli of Osborne, KS; Sandi and husband Rod Renken of Geneva; Brad Best and wife Dianna of Henderson, NE; and Carol Best of Geneva, NE. She was also blessed with nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend as faith and family were paramount in her life. She served as a perfect example of ways to seek and lighten the burdens of others.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present for Visitation

DEC 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
1026 O St  
Geneva, NE 68361

## Funeral Service Livestream

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DEC 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
1026 O St  
Geneva, NE 68361

*Viewable on the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church YouTube page.*

## Graveside Service

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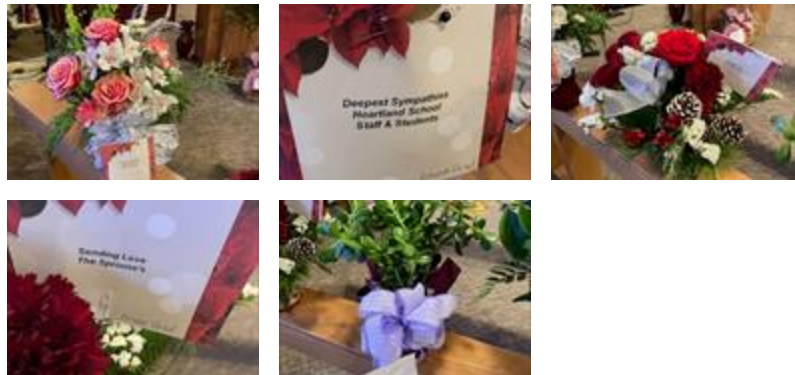
DEC 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

Upland Cemetery  
35 Road and Y Road  
Upland, NE 68981

# Tribute Wall



“ 46 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 19, 2023 at 01:13 PM

MF

“ Donna and Don were mentors for Richard and me. Donna was the pivotal person allowing successes for so many people. Donna was a quiet, successful person in her own right with her graciousness and generosity. My deepest condolences to all her family. Heaven has gained another bright star.

Maargrett Wehland and family - December 18, 2023 at 11:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Mae Best.



December 17, 2023 at 10:10 PM

LE

“ Sorry for your loss. Cherish the memories you have. She was a fine lady.  
Peace!  
Larry and Barbara Eichelberger

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**Larry and Barbara Eichelberger** - December 16, 2023 at 08:11 AM

JD

“ Remember the Bests well from when the Koch kids were participating in sports. They were good fans. Sympathies to all the family. Cherish the memories!

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**Judy Dondlinger** - December 15, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Mae Best.



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December 15, 2023 at 09:30 AM

DW

“ Diana Workman lit a candle in memory of Donna Best

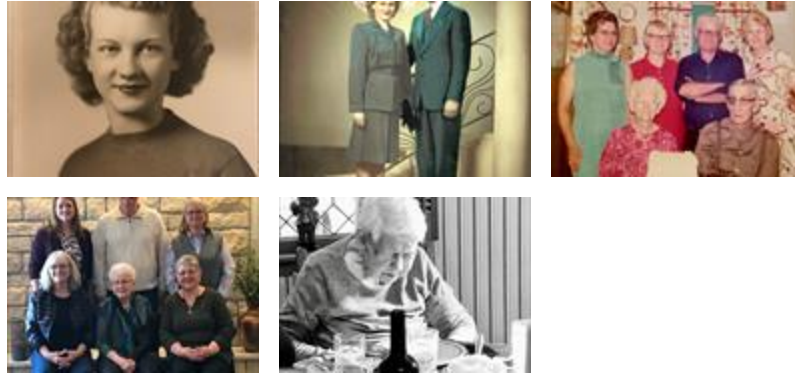


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**Diana Workman** - December 14, 2023 at 07:03 PM

BR

“ 5 files added to the album Donna M. Best



Brad - December 14, 2023 at 03:51 PM

VC

“ So sorry for the loss of Donna. When I was growing up in Geneva, we were friends with her kids. Good memories!  
My prayers are with your family.  
Virginia (Ellison) Carlson

Virginia Carlson - December 14, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Mae Best.



December 14, 2023 at 09:16 AM

VJ

“ *Such a beautiful soul! Thoughts and prayers!*  
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**Virginia Johnson** - December 14, 2023 at 08:48 AM

LG

“ *Liz Gerberding lit a candle in memory of Donna Best*



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**Liz Gerberding** - December 14, 2023 at 08:26 AM

PM

“ *To all of the family... so sorry for the loss of your mother*

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**Pat Mathiesen** - December 13, 2023 at 11:27 PM

PM

“ *Pat Mathiesen lit a candle in memory of Donna Best*



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**Pat Mathiesen** - December 13, 2023 at 11:25 PM

KT

“ *Kent Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Donna Best*



Kent & Rose Theobald - December 13, 2023 at 04:23 PM

LD

“ *Lisa Dondlinger lit a candle in memory of Donna Best*



Lisa Dondlinger - December 13, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of Donna Best*



Rhonda Schlick - December 13, 2023 at 01:07 PM