



# Donna Lorene Davis

MAY 1, 1926 - SEP 29, 2021



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**D**onna Lorene (Hibbs) Davis of rural Numa, 95, passed away on September 29, 2021 at her home on the farm where she resided until her death.

She was born on May 1, 1926 to Harley and Ruth (McElvain) Hibbs at their home near Numa, Iowa. Later she was joined by one sister, Dorothy. Donna spent all of her early years on the farm west of Numa.

Donna was educated at the Farmer rural school, Seymour High School, Centerville Junior College (now Indian Hills Community College), and Iowa State Teacher's College (now University of Northern Iowa) in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Donna's four excellent rural school teachers served as role models and enhanced her desire to become an elementary teacher. This dream was realized and she taught in the elementary grades in Numa, Marengo, and Seymour schools.

On August 14, 1947, Donna was married to Milan Davis and they lived in Seymour for a couple of years. They celebrated 59 years of marriage. When Donna and Milan moved to their farm in her home community in 1951, she became a member of the neighborhood Booster Club. Her mother and aunt were charter members of this group and were instrumental in its organization in 1934. It disbanded in 2004 after existing for seventy years.

When they became parents, Donna chose to become a full-time mother and homemaker. She also worked with her husband in their livestock farming operation. In later years, she became a substitute teacher in the Seymour Community Schools. She enjoyed the variety and challenge of substituting and did this for fifteen years. Helping children learn and mature was a life-long joy. In working with children, she felt that having a positive attitude herself was of utmost importance. In later years, she treasured the time spent with each of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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Donna was active in the Jerome United Methodist Church for a number of years where she taught Vacation Bible School and helped serve many smorgasbords. She was currently a member of the First Christian Church in Cincinnati where her daughter, Kay Singley, is pastor. She took her turn teaching the adult Sunday School Class and sang in the choir there.

For several years, Donna was co-leader of the Lincoln Luckies 4-H Club where her daughters were members. A group of Iowa State Teacher College friends, called the Petunias, was very special to her. They have met regularly with their spouses and families for nearly 70 years. She also enjoyed her membership in Chapter DM, PEO, in Seymour.

Donna enjoyed what she called her "courthouse project". She and Milan traveled to many county seats in Iowa to take pictures of courthouses and learn about their history. She also kept scrapbooks of clippings that were of interest to her and her family. Her collection of bells was special to her because all family members had added to it at one time or another. She liked to write letters to family members and friends. Donna especially enjoyed taking walks around the farm either alone or accompanied by family members. The times grandchildren joined her were memorable.

Donna was a faithful caregiver, caring for her husband, her mother, and her father-in-law in her home during their later years. She also oversaw the affairs of her aunt in her elderly years.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who always treasured her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milan, on May 22, 2007, her loving parents, Ruth and Harley Hibbs, sister, Dorothy C. DeVore, her parents-in-law, Clement and Marie Davis, her son-in-law, Rob Singley, brothers-in-law, Kenneth I. DeVore and Torcie Merlin Davis, sister-in-law, Dolores Davis, a niece, Phyllis Davis and several treasured aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is survived by two daughters, Kay Singley of Moulton, Jan Berner and husband Kim of Albia, and a son, Bruce Davis and wife Deana of Numa; eight grandchildren: Andrea DeWeese and husband Jeffrey of Iowa Falls, Iowa; Rachel Singley and friend, Dr. Andrew Bellizzi of Iowa City, Iowa, Beth Maddy and husband Eric of Adel, Iowa, Jill Parker and husband, Gabe of Adel, Iowa, Jon Davis of Numa, Iowa, Maria, April, and Luke Davis of Numa, Iowa.



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She is also survived by eleven great-grandchildren: Darby, Aidan, Emmayln, Amelia, Wyatt, Meredith, Bridget, Gregory, Brenna, Will, and June, nephews: Dennis Davis, Martin (Rochelle) DeVore, nieces, Gerri Lou Davis, Kathy (Carter) Heitmeyer, Kristen (Ken) Kruger, Dorine (Dan) Sales, Denise (Brian) Draper, and their families; a special cousin, Jane Ann (Bill) Mahon, and a long-time co-worker and neighbor, Barbara Eddy.

The family would like to especially thank Donna's caregivers supporting her with loving care: Laura Jean Yarger, Deon Brown and EveryStep Home Care & Hospice staff.

Funeral services will be at the Thomas Funeral Home in Seymour on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 2:00 PM. A visitation will be held at the Thomas Funeral Home in Seymour on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 PM, with family present from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Interment will follow the funeral service at the Southlawn Cemetery in Seymour, Iowa.

A memorial has been established to her church, the First Christian Church in Cincinnati, Iowa. Condolences can be shared at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com) or [www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome).



## Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 5:50 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 7:07 PM



CK

**Carol Kozlik** posted:

Jan, Kay, and Bruce - Heartfelt sympathy on losing your mom. I feel fortunate to have been able to "re-meet" Donna in recent years and see her interact with her forever college friends.

October 7 at 7:00 PM



VB

**Vicki Inskeep-Brown** posted:

Mrs. Davis was my first and fourth grade teacher in Seymour, IA. Her kindness, caring, openness, guidance left an impact on me as a child. I've never forgotten her. Thank You, Mrs. Davis. Support and prayers for Mrs. Davis' family. Vicki Inskeep-Brown

October 7 at 7:00 PM



DD

**Dennis Davis** posted:

You are in my thoughts.

October 6 at 7:00 PM



TS

**Tribute Store** posted:

Praying for you all Love Paul and Cathy Berner

October 5 at 7:00 PM



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TO

**Tonya** posted:

I've always thought of Aunt Donna like another Grandma. She was so kind and caring. She will be missed. Love, Tonya, Finn and Oliver

October 5 at 7:00 PM

BD

**Brian, Tiffany, Katrina, And Charlotte Davis** posted:

Aunt Donna epitomized humility, comfort, and hospitality. I will cherish my memories of her and the family on the farm. Until we see her again.

October 4 at 7:00 PM

GD

**Gerri, Melissa And Kolby Davis** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

October 3 at 7:00 PM

LN

**Lise Nelson** posted:

Kay and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Lise Nelson

October 2 at 7:00 PM

LM

**Larry Mallett** posted:

Sorry to hear of Donna's passing but what a wonderful, Christian life she had. A truly Godly person leaving an exceptional legacy to family, community and faith. Larry Mallett

October 1 at 7:00 PM

DS

**Debbie Sebolt** posted:

So sorry, thinking of family with prayer. Donna was always kind and wanted to help wherever she could.

October 1 at 7:00 PM



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DD

**Dianna Davis** posted:

Kay and Family: Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Sending my sincerest sympathy at the loss of your mom. Dianna Davis

October 1 at 7:00 PM

DK

**Debbie Kovacevich** posted:

Prayers for the family

September 30 at 7:00 PM

JW

**John Wright** posted:

A favorite and a great teacher.

September 30 at 7:00 PM

DA

**Debbie Atkinson** lit a candle in honor of Donna.

Our condolences to pastor Kay and the entire family of the loss of your mother, she was an amazing woman and I am glad that I was able to get to know her. Prayers 🙏 for the family. Hugs pastor Kay. Debbie Atkinson.



September 30 at 7:00 PM

JE

**Jimmy Ervin** posted:

Kay and Jan, You have been so blessed to have your mom with you for over 60 years. Prayers are continuous for your families as you transition to an earthly world without your mother, secure in the promise there will be a heavenly reunion.

September 30 at 7:00 PM

NB

**Nancy Banks** posted:

My deepest sympathy to all her family's. Mrs. Davis will always be my favorite teacher. I had for 1st grade and again in 4th grade. She was the nicest and prettiest teacher I had. I am very sad to here of her passing.

September 30 at 7:00 PM



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PD

**Patricia Devore** posted:

So sorry to hear this she was a great lady Hugs and prayers to the family I helped with Harley and Ruth and i got close. Great. family

September 29 at 7:00 PM

RH

**Robert Houser** posted:

Prayers for the family

September 29 at 7:00 PM

EC

**Eleanor Cox** posted:

So sorry. Many memories of Donna as 4-H leader, Bible School teacher at Jerome Methodist Church, neighbor and lovely lady.,

September 29 at 7:00 PM

CS

**Cindy Donovan-Steahr** posted:

Sorry for your family's loss

September 29 at 7:00 PM

PY

**Pam Young** posted:

Donna was a fine lady! She had a beautiful smile and a pleasure to visit with.

September 29 at 7:00 PM

DD

**Donnie N Joyce Davis** posted:

She was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever known. So sorry for your loss. Love and prayers to Kay, Jan, Bruce and your families. ❤️

September 29 at 7:00 PM



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WG

**Wes Green** posted:

Nice lady prayers

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PP

**Paula Pershy** posted:

Sorry to hear of Donna's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family.

September 29 at 7:00 PM

JG

**Jeff Green** posted:

Prayers sorry for your loss

September 29 at 7:00 PM

DD

**Douglas Devore** posted:

Prayers for family and so sorry

September 29 at 7:00 PM

CH

**Carl Hamm** posted:

Donna was a great lady. She was a friend of my sister Phyllis Hamm Disney. We all had so much fun at the dinners in Jerome Church. I liked her bean salad. She is going to be missed.

September 29 at 7:00 PM

SC

**Susan Barker Cole** posted:

So sorry to see this! She was a lovely lady!

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JC

**Jerry Castor** posted:

our sympathy

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**Jane Cooper Allen** posted:

So sorry to hear this Kay, Jan, Bruce and families.

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**Deanna Allen** posted:

Prayers for the family

September 29 at 7:00 PM



# Media

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