



Donna Louise Howard Haugen was born November 27, 1933 in Williston, North Dakota to Valera (Lowe) and John Howard. She was youngest of four children. Her family came to North Dakota from Pike County, Illinois and Howard County, Iowa.

Donna attended country grade school until the fifth grade where she completed fourth and fifth grade in one year. After the fifth grade, she and her sister, Eileen, lived at an apartment in Williston to attend school. Her father would bring them into town in a horse and sleigh on Mondays and fetch them

back to the farm after school on Friday's.

Donna had an impeccable work ethic. She was a licensed abstractor working for Bud McMaster at the Williams County Abstract Company. She worked on the original abstract for the first oil well in North Dakota, the Clarence Iverson No. 1. She also worked at the Vocational Rehab Center, as an independent landman, and ended her working years at the Williams County State's Attorney Office. Each of her work places she left behind many lifelong friends ... young and old.

Donna's faith was always very important to her. She was raised in the Catholic faith. She was a lifelong member of St Joseph's Catholic Church in Williston. As well as working full time, she was active in her children's extra-curricular activities whether being active in PTO at St Joseph's School or as a leader of her daughters' Blue Birds or Camp Fire Girls Troops. Donna seldom missed swim meets and often drove to out of town events including years of high school basketball, football, baseball, and wrestlettes. She was an honorary mom to all the cheerleaders. Her kitchen table was always open to any stray that her children brought home to the dinner table, including the youth minister at the local Baptist Church. She was also a lifelong member of the Catholic Daughters where she ultimately became president.

It was clear to all that Donna's passions in life was her family, whether it was long weekends at their cabin at Blacktail Dam, picnicking and swimming at Spring Lake Park, sledding trips to golf course hill, family vacations at Lake Metigoshe or teaching her kids to dance the Charleston, the jitterbug or the twist on the kitchen floor. She loved her community where she volunteered for many causes including UMARC, Right to Life, Altar Band, her church, her children's school and activities, but her most important passion was the love of her life. On June 10, 1952 Donna was united in marriage to Gilbert Terrill Haugen in Williston. They were married for over sixty one years.

Donna is survived by her husband, Gilbert; children: Terrill (Lorena), Katherine and Charlotte all of Williston, ND and Christian (Kelly) of Dallas, TX; seven grandchildren: Joy Haugen of Washington, DC; Isaac Haugen of Jacksonville, OR; RJ (Margaret) Pauloski, Toronto Ontario, Canada; Chris (Samantha) Pauloski of North Hollywood, CA; Maggie Nodland of Minneapolis, MN; Mitchell Haugen (Nikki) of Gold Canyon, AZ; and Katie Haugen of Fort Worth, TX; and one great-granddaughter, Evey Haugen of Gold Canyon, AZ; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her older brother, Eugene; her older sisters, Eileen and Kathleen; her sister-in-law, Viola (Hughes) Howard; and brothers-in-law, John Elspenger and Joe Brizek.

Donna was an inspiration to all that knew her. She never gave up and always carried that famous Irish smile!



In Loving Memory Of
Donna L. Haugen

November 27, 1933 ~ February 13, 2014



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.


I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
O yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee-
God wanted me now: He set me free...

Author Unknown

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Date And Place Of Birth

November 27, 1933

Williston, North Dakota

Date And Place of Death

February 13, 2014

Williston, North Dakota

Funeral Mass

10:30 AM, Wednesday, February 19, 2014

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Williston, North Dakota

Celebrant

Father Russell Kovash

Musicians

Sandi Blikre ~ Organist

Priscilla Keck ~ Vocalist

Casketbearers

Grandchildren

Joy Haugen, Isaac Haugen, RJ Pauloski,

Chris Pauloski, Maggie Nodland,

Mitchel Haugen & Katie Haugen

Great-Granddaughter

Evey Haugen

Honorary Bearers

St. Joseph's Catholic Daughters

Inurnment

Riverview Cemetery

Williston, North Dakota