



Dreams

Who was the guy
Who they make fun of because
He tried to fly to the sun
With wings of wax?

Why don't they talk about it --
He had never dared,
Never tried,
Never dreamed?

What a fate to suffer -
To never attempt
and only follow another's lead.

Now is my time --
To live
To love
And to fly to the sun
with my wings of wax.

-Donna Kennedy



In Loving Memory of
Donna Kennedy



Funeral Service

Monday, January 6, 2025 - 1:00 PM
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Pipestone, Minnesota

Officiating

Rev. Paul Gunderson

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23 Job:23-27 Isaiah 40:28-31
John 11:20-27 John 14:1-6

Organist - Steve Weets

Soloist - Kevin Paulsen - "How Great Thou Art"

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace" - Hymn 744
"Old Rugged Cross" - Insert

Casket Bearers

Michael Kennedy Matthew Kennedy Brian Johnson
Ryan Kennedy Cullen Kennedy Jesse Kennedy

Honorary Casket Bearers

Madeleine Kennedy Holly Johnson Dallas Johnson
Dakota Murphy Dexter Muldoon Britney Kennedy
Haley Ross Carson Hunt Henry Kennedy
TJ Kennedy Nona Kennedy Sebastian Kennedy
Atticus Kennedy

Interment

St. Leo Catholic Cemetery - Pipestone, Minnesota

Arrangements By
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME

IN LOVING
Memory



Donna Kennedy

July 16, 1946 - January 1, 2025

Missing

Sometimes...

When I'm feeling lost
And so alone
In the world
And in myself

I really miss
Being someone's little girl!

-Donna Kennedy



My Walk

It is unbelievable that my walk
Thru this world has
Taken 78 years!
Some walks were full of sunshine,
Others - the rain would fall (sometimes with hail),
And sometimes it was a hurricane!
But with my family and
My Lord always by my side,
Made the bad times – better,
And the good times – so very joyful.
Now my last walk
Must be made alone–
With my Savior by my side.
“The War is over, I'm Going Home.”

By Donna Kennedy
written for Robert Kennedy her father-in-law
edited by her children for Donna

Donna Mae Kennedy was born on July 16, 1946 to Harry and Nona (Brinkmeyer) Bahn in Luverne, Minnesota. While growing up Donna attended school at the Jasper High School, in Jasper, Minnesota, graduating in 1964. During her high school years, Donna worked at Pate's Café. On December 12, 1964, shortly after graduating high school Donna married the love of her life Jan Kennedy, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Jasper. Their marriage was blessed with the birth of their five children, Michael, Holly, Ryan, Cullen and Jesse. Together they moved around to a few areas including Minneapolis, Minnesota where Donna worked at Tescom Corp and in Sioux Falls, South Dakota where she worked at Ravens Industries. Donna and Jan moved to Jasper, Minnesota where they farmed before moving to Woodstock, Minnesota and then moving to a farm west of Pipestone, Minnesota, they loved working side by side one another every day. When their farming days were behind them, Donna briefly worked at the City Administrator Office, part-time at the Pipestone Liquor Store and at Minnegasco/MidAmerican Energy from 1980 until her retirement in 2014. Throughout her later years, Donna became owner and operator of Antiques on the Square in Pipestone, Minnesota. The antique store was very near and dear to her heart as buying and selling antiques was a passion of hers.

Donna and Jan were faithful members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Pipestone, Minnesota. Donna had a strong faith and she showed her love for God and other through helping with Toys for Tots, Eclipse Crisis Center and being involved with Meals on Wheels in Sioux Falls. She loved to stay busy - she was always reading or writing short stories and poetry, decorating cakes or spending time outside riding motorcycle, tending to her flowers or camping. Donna loved to spending time with her family, creating many fun memories that will last a lifetime. She will be remembered for love of all things Christmas; the decorating, Christmas breakfast and playing games. Donna's willingness to do anything and her ability to laugh so easily will be deeply missed by those who had the privilege to know her. January 1, 2025, Donna died surrounded by her loving family at the Pipestone County Hospice House in Pipestone, Minnesota



Donna is lovingly remembered by her husband, Jan Kennedy of Pipestone, Minnesota; children, Michael (Monica) Kennedy of Pipestone, Holly (Brian) Johnson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Ryan (Debra) Kennedy of Sioux Falls, Cullen (Mandy) Kennedy of Nicollet, Minnesota, Jesse (Roxy) Kennedy of Nicollet, Minnesota; siblings, Phyllis (Merv) Guthmiller of Rockerville, South Dakota, Robert (Ann) Bahn of Muscatine, Iowa; grandchildren, Madeleine Kennedy, Matthew (Sarah) Kennedy, Dallas (Amanda) Johnson, Dakota (Kyle) Murphy, Dexter Muldoon, Britney (Brandon) Kennedy, Haley Ross, Carson (Eli) Hunt, Henry Kennedy, TJ Kennedy, Nona Kennedy, Sebastian Kennedy, Atticus Kennedy; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Nona Bahn; and sister, Marjorie Jean Bahn.