

Hiawatha, KS



Donna M. Trost, long-time resident of Hiawatha, KS died at 93 in her home attend by her daughter, Diane on June 6, 2022.

Donna was born October 7, 1928 at Falls City, NE to Silas & Amanda (Yoesel) Hilgenfeld. She attended grade school at Silver Creek School, District #81, graduated for Falls City High School in 1946 and received her B.A. from Westmar College in Le Mars, IA then taught one year of English at Hubbard, IA. Donna married John D. Trost of Concordia, KS on June 14, 1952 in her parent's garden. The couple move to San Diego, CA where John finish out his enlistment. Upon his discharge in 1954 they settled on a farm in rural Concordia, KS. Donna's family moved to Lincoln, KS in 1960 then to Hiawatha, KS in 1962.

Donna was employed by the Brown Co. SCS office and the Morrill Public Library in Hiawatha. She attended the Emporia State Teachers College and earned her M.A. in Library Science in 1972. Donna was the librarian at Highland High School from 1971 to 1973 and then at Hiawatha High School until she retired in 1990. She was in charge of the yearbook for both schools.

Donna was very active in her community-- a Camp Fire Girls Leader, a member of Saturday Club, 49er's EHU, EANGUS/EANGKS Auxiliary, VFW Post #5210 Auxiliary, KS Teacher's Assoc. and Church Women United. After her retirement she added Red Cross Gray Ladies at the local hospital, Brown Co. Assoc. Retired School Personnel, Friends of the Library, Brown Co. Historical Society and Genealogical Society.

Donna's family were members of the Evangelical United Brethren Church which became the Trinity UMC and when Trinity closed in 2021 she joined the Bethel UMC the church of her youth. Donna was the church organist from 1967 until 2019. In addition she taught Sunday school, held varies offices, served on numerous communities and was a active member of the

United Methodist Women.

Donna and her husband John loved to travel. They attended many EANGUS (National Guards) Conventions across the United States and continued the tradition started by Donna's father to visit all the State capitols in the USA, seeing all but two.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband who died November 16, 1999. She is survived by her 4 children Joyce (Jerry) Hjetland, Diane Kerr, Marilyn (Dennis) Van Swol, and Mike (Nancy) Trost, 8 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild and her sister Joan Zoeller.

Funeral service will be at 11 am Monday, June 13th at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha officiated by Pastor Shane Spangler. Family will visit with friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. The service will be streamed at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com. This is a celebration of life and Donna requested no black, only bright colors. Interment will follow at Bethel-Zion Cemetery, corner of 707 Rd and 657 Ave, Falls City, NE.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 12 noon until 5 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials contributions are suggested to HOPE Brown Co., a local organization that assist cancer patients sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S 7th Street, Hiawatha, KS 66434