



Donna Dykstra

July 25, 1929 - April 28, 2024

Donna Dykstra, 94, of Sioux Falls, SD, formerly Lennox, SD, died at Dow Rummel Village on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

Donna Jean (Poppenga) Dykstra was born on July 25, 1929, at Lennox, SD, the daughter of Ella Poppenga.

She grew up around the Lennox area and attended District #89 Bennett Rural School; Lennox Elementary; and Lennox High School, graduating from there in 1947. She attended Nettleton Commercial College and then she began working at Brown & Saenger, Inc. where she met her future husband, Virgil. After raising children, her work-life included employment at Sencore, Inc. in Sioux Falls; Cargill, in Lennox; and the Lennox School District.

Donna was united in marriage to Virgil Dykstra on November 27, 1951 at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. They lived in Sioux Falls before moving to a farm south of Lennox in 1955. They moved to their farm east of Lennox in 1966. They lived there until 2012 when they moved into Lennox. In 2014, they moved to Dow Rummel Village in Sioux Falls.

Donna was a lifelong member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church where she served as a teacher and youth director, was actively involved in the women's groups, and volunteered at the Exchange. She was also involved in the Union Gospel Mission Auxiliary and served for 10 years as Director of Community Education for Lennox. In addition, she and Virgil volunteered at Repeat Performances Thrift Shoppe in south Texas where they wintered for 14 years. She enjoyed traveling with Virgil and visited every state except Hawaii. She

also enjoyed crafting, working on puzzles, attending gospel concerts, and following the adventures of the Minnesota Twins and Vikings.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children: Kevin (Anne) Dykstra, Decorah, IA; Cynthia (Joe) Ziegler, Estero, FL; Gaylon Dykstra, Centreville, VA; Craig (Judy) Dykstra, Tea, SD;-five grandchildren: Michelle (Sean) Murphy, Ft. Myers, FL; Kelly Steever, Naples, FL; Daniel (Rita) Dykstra, Decorah, IA; Alise (Remi) Thomas, Antananarivo, Madagascar; and Dacia (Andrew) Munson, Decorah, IA;-eleven great-grandchildren: Lauren Murphy, Cole Murphy, Zoie May, Caleb Dykstra, Declan Dykstra, Emerson Dykstra, Addison Dykstra, Henry Thomas, Edwin Thomas, Bennett Monson, and Everett Monson;-and sister-in-law, Lone Gangestad; as well as other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, in July 2018; her mother; and in-laws: John and Minnie Dykstra, Harold Gangestad, and Ronald and Mary Ellen Dykstra.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 6, 2024, at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Visitation, with the family present, also at Lennox Ebenezer, will be 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The service can be live streamed or viewed later via the Lennox Ebenezer Church website lennoxpca.org In lieu of flowers, memorials may directed to St Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of your choice

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *My condolences to the Dykstra family, especially my friend Gaylon Dykstra.*

Dianna Becerra - May 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ *So long my friend. You are at peace and with Virgil. I know you waited a long time for that. My deepest sympathies go out to her family and friends.*
Michelle

Michelle - May 05, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *our deepest condolences to you and your family. She was a relative on my mother's side and I (Pat) went to country school with Kevin and Cindy .*

Jim and Patricia Koerner - May 05, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Our condolences to you, Kevin and to your family. Hoping you have some family time to share great memories and lots of love, even in this time of grief.*



Marilyn Moeller - May 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Sincere sympathy.*

Nancy Hicks-Arsenault - May 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM