



Leona Sheard

September 30, 1931 - September 26, 2020

Leona Sheard, 88, died on Saturday, September 26, 2020, peacefully in her sleep at her Sioux Falls home.

Leona Eunice DeNeui was born on September 30, 1931 at Chancellor, SD, the daughter of William and Minnie (Weeldreyer) DeNeui. She attended school in Chancellor and then graduated from Chancellor High School. She went on to earn her BS degree in education from the University of Sioux Falls. Leona was a school teacher in Chancellor and in Canton, SD for 27 years, totaling for 35 years.

She married to Arthur DeVries on August 23, 1950 in Chancellor, SD. On November 4, 1974 she was united in marriage to Ron Sheard at Sioux Falls, SD. The couple made their home in Sioux Falls. The couple wintered in Arizona for many years.

Leona was a member of the First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls. She enjoyed traveling and her husband Ron's cooking. She also enjoyed caring for her home and yard. Most of all, Leona loved her husband and family and treasured the time spent with them.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Orrin DeNeui. Grateful for having shared her life are her husband, Ron; children: Ranae Sipma, Spirit Lake, IA, Reed (Cindy) DeVries, Sioux Falls, Reed (Susie) Sheard, Santa Barbara, CA and Steve (Dawn) Sheard, Tampa, FL; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Vera Baun, Sioux Falls as well as other relatives and a host of friends.

The service will be live streamed via the First Baptist Church website at www.firstb.org then click on the live stream button. The service will be available only during the service time of 11:00 a.m.

Memorial services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 3 at First Baptist Church, 1401 S Covell Ave, Sioux Falls. Visitation with the family present will begin at 10:00 a.m, also at the church. Due to health concerns, face masks are requested. Memorial gifts may directed to the First Baptist Church building fund.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Please accept my sympathy at the death of Leona. I will always remember her for that special sparkle in her eye as she told of her of her kids and grand kids and all those kids she taught. It was a delight to be around her, and surely it can be said, hers was a life well-lived. I congratulate you on her promotion to heaven.

Phyllis Kortemeyer Schrag - October 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We are so sorry for your loss of Leona. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Dale and Jackie Gullickson - October 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Ron, Ranae and Reed,
I’m so sorry to hear of your moms passing. I always called her Mrs DeVries, stemming from having her as my 2nd grade teacher. She was a life saver to me as I was the only girl in my class with 10 other boys. I would frequently get my feelings hurt and she would let me stay inside with her and recess and we would just talk. Our family spent so much time with you as kids in Chancellor. Your mom would often stop to see my mom and dad (George & Audrey) in Chancellor to just catch up. I know she and my mom are enjoying heavens beauty now and for that I am thankful. She was very special to me.

Jill Foster(Vietor) - October 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Leona was a sweet, sweet lady. Always loved visiting with her and Ron. God bless her family!

John Gilbert Mogen - October 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We’re so sorry for your loss. She will be missed by the neighborhood. Leona was cheerful, caring, generous and always up for a good visit. May she Rest In Peace.

Tim & Donna McCarthy

Tim & Donna McCarthy - October 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Ron, Ranae, Reed, Reed and Steve - and the entire DeNeui/Sheard family

Sending all of you my heart-filled sympathy.

I want to share a few wonderful thoughts and memories about Aunt Leona.

Aunt Leona was my favorite aunt. She always made me feel special. One of my first memories is the year we took a train to South Dakota to see our relatives. We were headed home to get back on the train and Aunt Leona gave me and my sisters a little brown lunch bag filled with little trinkets and things to keep us busy on the train. While I don't have a clue what was in that little brown bag, I just remember the special, warm feeling I had. Aunt Leona never forgot a birthday or anniversary - sending birthday cards with quarters taped to the card when I was a kid - to leaving a voicemail message wishing me a happy anniversary. She was generous to my mom and they shared a special bond and loved each other deeply. In one of my last text messages with her this summer - while she was fighting so hard and having so many ups and downs - she remained positive stating "thank you Lord for everyday you give me." I love you lots Aunt Leona and look forward to many visits in heaven!

Tammy

Tammy Braun Johnson - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *May our Father’s peace fill each of your hearts knowing that your loved one has gone home to be with our Lord. She now is pain free & all is well. God bless...*



Jon & Patti Peterson - September 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *Dear Ron, Ranae and Reed,
I'm so sorry to hear about your loss of Leona. So many good memories of our families together as kids in Chancellor. As we just lost my mom, Audrey, in January 2020, I know the heartache felt from losing a mother. You have our sincerest sympathy.
Holly Vietor Hofer*

Holly Hofer - September 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *Thinking of all of you during these days; feeling grateful for the peace that comes from knowing the joy Leona is experiencing in the presence of her Almighty at last. I pray that you are also given peace, and your millions of memories and stories become blessings.
Shalom*

Ellen and Danny Cortes - September 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM