



## Donna Mae Strutzenberg

December 23, 1940 - November 20, 2021

Brodhead – Donna Mae Strutzenberg, age 80, passed away on November 20, 2021 while at the St. Mary's Hospital in Madison.

Donna was born on December 23, 1940 in WI around the stateline just north of Warren, IL the daughter of Douglas and Charlotte (Reddy) Olmstead. Donna married Eugene Strutzenberg on July 3, 1986 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Palos Park, IL.

Donna enjoyed gardening, doing genealogy and was a past member with Gene at the Decatur Golf Course. Donna worked at Woodmans in Janesville for 11 years and worked at several churches over the years as their office secretary. Those include Our Saviors Lutheran in Soldiers Grove, Midvale Lutheran in Madison and lastly Hilltop Community Church in Albany.

Donna is survived by one sister, Betty Boehm; 5 children, Hayley (Kevin) Martin of Winona, MN, Wendy (Russ) Bantz of Wisconsin Dells, DeLon (Normina) Olson of Soldiers Grove, WI, Andy Olson of Tampa, FL and Gretchen (Jeff) Hanson of Mindora, WI; 11 grandchildren, Kyle (Lindsey) Martin, Allison (Patrick) Lazzara, Brooke (Garth) Brint, Tyler (Amy) Babb, FaLynn Bantz (David Linder), Zachery Olson, Skyler Olson, Jordan Olson, Mikayla Olson, Bailey Britton and Andi Britton; 10 great grandchildren, Landon Brint, Hudson Brint, Bohden Brint, Henry Linder, Archie Linder, Oakley Babb,

Oaklee, lylee, Ellah and Dylan; a special friend, Marilyn (Lyle) Henthorne and several nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Eugene in 2020, two brothers, Duane and Robert Olmsted and 2 great grandchildren, Ethan Brint and Bronwynn Babb.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the Hilltop Community Church in Albany, WI in Donna's memory.

Funeral services will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead WI on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 12:00 PM. A visitation will also be held at the funeral home on Saturday from 11:00 AM until the time of funeral. Burial will conclude at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead.

[www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com) 608-897-2484

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery - Brodhead

1106 E. 9th Avenue  
Brodhead, WI 53520

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

D. L. Newcomer Funeral Home  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ So sorry we did not know of Donna's passing until today when we attended the service for her brothers wife Marilyn. From the Reddy side of the family -our condolences.  
*Laverne and Sandy Hays*

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**Laverne Hays** - February 02, 2022 at 07:38 PM

KE

“ Grandma was such a treasure and we will truly miss her. She welcomed me into the family with open arms and big hugs (and more laughs than we can count). She loved her grandchildren so well and we will cherish forever the memories we have with her and Grandpa. Clint still tells the many hilarious stories of their adventures over the years with Grandma and Grandpa. She was very special to all of us! Sending lots of love and prayers to all of this big beautiful Strutzenberg family.

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**Katie Ebel** - November 27, 2021 at 12:04 PM

DE

“ I am blessed to have been able to work with and for Donna and Gene for a too short while. We began our adventure working on the Albany Community Directory followed by organizing the Family Promise fundraiser. We were synced. She called us the big D and little d. Many fun and wonderful hours were spent lovingly tending her yard in the summer, feeding the birds in the winter, helping prepare for family gatherings and celebrations, baking mountains of cookies for Christmas while decorating her home always under the watchful eyes of that stinker Gene! Love and laughter was always present in their company. Donna was forever gracious even as she struggled to heal from her heart surgery while tending to Gene's needs. Her faith in God never faltered and was evidenced in her very presence. I will miss you, Donna but will cherish the memories forever!

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**Dena** - November 27, 2021 at 11:52 AM

CB

“ From Charlotte Briggs ~ Donna & I were close church friends and I am very sorry that I cannot be at her funeral to say goodbye to her. We only learned of her death on Friday nite. No one from our church, even the pastor called us or told us. Had my husband, John, not run into Bonnie Klapper from the church, late this afternoon, we would not even had known she passed away. I will miss my good buddy so much. We were the same age except for a couple of months and shared many happy times together. Rest in peace, my dear friend.

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**Charlotte Briggs** - November 26, 2021 at 08:26 PM

CF

“ Courtney & Owen, Jo, Jay & Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Donna Mae Strutzenberg.



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**Courtney & Owen, Jo, Jay & Family** - November 26, 2021 at 03:21 PM

WB

“ My dear mama, God was so good to me when you moved here with me. I will forever cherish the fact that I got to spend the last months with you! We had so much fun, I loved getting blamed for going down all the one ways and I wasn't even the one driving.! Memories that I'll always Have the list goes on and on I could write a new *Thelma and Louis* movie! Fly High mama!

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**Wendy Bantz** - November 25, 2021 at 10:51 AM

TF

“ The Lazzara and Gaughan families purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Donna Mae Strutzenberg.



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**The Lazzara and Gaughan families** - November 24, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Mae Strutzenberg.



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November 24, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Mae Strutzenberg.*

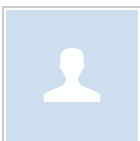


November 23, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ *What a dear sweet lady I'm so thankful to have know Donna from Hill Top Church.  
She will be greatly missed. My condolences to her family.*

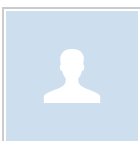
**Ruth Marcellus** - November 23, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Mae Strutzenberg.*



November 23, 2021 at 07:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Mae Strutzenberg.*



November 23, 2021 at 12:47 AM

PO

“ Way too many memories to post em all but I will share one. When Susan and I stepped in to be missionaries, Aunt Donna (and Uncle Gene) stepped up to be some of our most ardent supporters. She also booked us at their church and their church (Hilltop Community) became ministry partners. It was such an encouragement for them to be excited about our journey. They loved so well on my family. Will miss you Aunt Donna. Thankful I can be at peace knowing you are Home and someday I will meet you there.



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**paul olmstead** - November 22, 2021 at 04:09 PM



“ Chris Beer lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Strutzenberg



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**Chris Beer** - November 22, 2021 at 10:31 AM