



## Yvonne Mae Clark

October 12, 1948 - April 3, 2010

Brodhead - Yvonne Mae (Potratz) Clark of Brodhead, passed away on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at Select Specialties Hospital, Madison, WI. She was born on October 12, 1948 to Orville and Beulah (Rodrek) (Potratz) Binder in Oshkosh, WI. She married Donald L. Clark on July 19, 1969 and they have always resided in his home town, Brodhead, WI. Yvonne's education was entirely in the Oshkosh Public School System. She graduated from Oshkosh West High School in 1966. Following graduation, she was employed by Wisconsin National Life Insurance Co. for 3 years. Yvonne was employed as a sewing machine operator for 11 years at Apco Mfg. in Brodhead, and when they closed, she went to work for the Simmons Mattress Co., Janesville, and remained there for 10 years. Yvonne enjoyed sewing, quilting, cooking, traveling, and playing Solitaire and Free Cell on the computer, but most of all, she just loved being with people. She was a member of the Albany United Methodist Church since 1981. She was also a member of Green County Homemakers and HCE, Brodhead Quilt Group and the Women's Accountability Group. Most people who knew Yvonne also knew that she was affected all of her adult life by poly cystic kidney/liver disease. In 2005, as a result of this disease, she was the recipient of a kidney from Roxan Nordeng, a loved friend, for which she, her husband and her family were always grateful. Following the transplant, she was able to enjoy a more comfortable life and was always engaged in helping and assisting others. On August 14, 2008, Yvonne was a recipient of a liver, another one of her organs that was

affected by the disease. Following this procedure she was confined to the hospital for over one year. After a brief time at home in the fall of 2009, she was again hospitalized after a fall. Not enough appreciation can be expressed for all the care, attention and assistance given by the doctors, nurses, therapists and staff while confined at the University of Madison Hospital and Select Specialty Hospital for so many long months. Yvonne is survived by her loving husband, Donald L. Clark. Other survivors include sisters, Janice Klimke, Fond du Lac and her son, Rev. Scott (Julia-Sprenkler) Klimke and daughter, Amy (Bill) Bremer and their children, Morgan, Nathan, Logan, Landan and Nolan Bremer, Marilyn (George) Storey of Englewood, FL, and their daughter Audrey and her daughter, Christyna; Judith (Paul) Mohr of Plymouth, MN and their sons, Jere (Leah Gruhn) and Preston; Phyllis (Carl) Seekins of Menasha, WI. She is also survived by the only daughter they never had, Courtney (Mark) Lueck and their sons, Koby, Koen, and Karson. She is further survived by Kenneth (Sharon) Clark and their daughter Valeria and sons, Perry, his son Josh, Scott(Kris); Jeff and his son Sean, Arlyn (Connie) Clark, their daughter Andrea and son Christ (Rachel) and their daughters, Jossie and Cassie, a special cousin, Kathie (Loren) Riemer and their children, Renae (Andy) Daehl, their children Abby and Rachel, Bryce (Jen) Riemer and their children Elianna and Kalena, a cousin, Russell(Nancy) Atkinson, special devoted friends, Darrell and Eunice Clark, step-siblings Richard (Linda) Binder, Gloria (Vern) Slife and other various relatives including aunts and cousins. She was preceded in death by both of her parents, step-father, Adolph Binder, and one brother-in-law, Allen Klimke, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services will be held at the Albany United Methodist Church, 105 Mill Street, Albany, WI 53502 on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Patricia Soddy officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of services. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead. Memorials may be given to the Albany United Methodist Church Building Fund in memory of Yvonne Clark. My first business is to so live that at least a few will thank God that I lived when my little day is done.



# Tribute Wall

LK

“ Don,  
*I am so sorry for your loss. I know that Yvonne will always be in your heart.*  
*Lori Koehn*

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**Lori Koehn** - May 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM

KS

“ Don,  
  
*It was absolutely my pleasure to care for Yvonne over the last year and a true honor to work beside you in giving her the best possible care. You two are inspiration to us all. You are both in my thoughts.*  
  
*Kelsey*

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**Kelsey Hubbard-Van Stelle** - May 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM

DF

“ Don,  
*I am grateful for the opportunity to care for your wife, Yvonne while she was at UW. I will remember her and you for the rest of my life. At this time of her passing, I want to offer you my condolences. Everyone on our unit really liked Yvonne and we will miss her. The way she dealt with her illness was in inspiration to all of us who had the chance to work with her as her caregivers. Thank you for your example of your devotion over the many months of her hospitalizations. May the Lord comfort you during this time of loss.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Daryn Flentje*

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**Daryn Flentje** - May 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM

RJ

“ Don, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your wife. My deepest sympathy.

*Reed Johnson*

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**Reed Johnson** - May 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM

DM

“ Yvonne's Family,

*I had the pleasure of working with Yvonne at Simmons Co. as the payroll clerk there. Alot of the associates from time to time would come up to the office on breaks or lunch and chit chat. She was a wonderful lady.*

*I am truly sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy.*

*Debbie Milbrandt*

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**Debbie Milbrandt** - May 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM

JB

“ Don,  
*We are saddened to hear of the loss of your lovely wife. She was a wonderful person who will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.*

*Our deepest sympathy-*

*Jane and Brian Bremer*

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**Jane and Brian Bremer** - May 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM

J/

“ Don, Joe and I are so sorry to hear of Yvonne's passing..You are in our thoughts and prayers...May she rest in peace for eternal life with God and the Angels....Thinking of you, always, Love Always, Joe and Lori Berns

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**Joe and Lori /berns** - May 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM

AD

“ Don,

*I am so sorry for your loss. Yvonne was a special person and she touched so many lives. Even for those of us who only could see her "once in awhile" she will be missed!!!! My thoughts are with you, Jan, Amy and all of her family....I wish I could be there but just know I am thinking of you all!!!*

*Amber, Jim and Hannah Donovan*

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**Amber Donovan** - May 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM

MD

“ Don so sorry to hear of your tragic loss! It was such a privelege to know and work with Yvonne and I will always remember her determined spirit and desire to push on even when her body was not willing. You provided her with such wonderful care and know she truly appreciated all you did for her. She was an extremely special lady. You are in my thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy-Mary Monroe Clinic Homecare Physical Therapy

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**Mary DeZee** - May 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM

JA

“ Hi Don,

*We are so sorry for your loss. Yvonne will be missed by so many people because she was such a special person. I thought of Yvonne every day and will continue to do so. She was very lucky to have a special husband like you. Take care of yourself and hopefully once Marci and George move to La Crosse we'll get to see you more often too.*

*Love,  
Jayne and Mike*

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**Jayne and Mike Abraham** - May 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM

HB

“ Hi Don

*I'm so sorry for your loss. Yvonne will be missed dearly. I will always remember the first time I met her at Amy's wedding shower and all of the laughs we had. My thoughts are with you and the rest of the family.*

*Thoughts & Prayers*

*Heidi*

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**Heidi Bremer** - May 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM