



LaDonna Scholl

September 17, 1956 - October 3, 2017

LaDonna Scholl, 61 year old resident of Pierz, MN passed away Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at United Friends Home in Pierz, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 11:30 A.M. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Buckman, MN with Father Kenneth Popp officiating. Burial will be held in the St. Michael's Parish Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 9:30-11:30 A.M. on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Buckman, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN.

Donna was the seventh child born to Truman and Caroline (Becker) Scholl. Donna entered the world at a time when people with disabilities were considered an unfortunate burden and families were not given necessary tools to take care of them. It's because of these circumstances that Donna spent 10 years—between ages 4 and 14—being institutionalized. Although we always knew she was our sister, we didn't get to see her often during that time. But when Donna was 14, she moved home permanently. Our mother later reflected that she had been nervous about this move, unsure if we could care for Donna, but Donna fit right in with us. She was right where she belonged.

Donna attended special education classes at Little Falls High School and as she grew older, she started to transition to what was then called the DAC (Day Activity Center). This is where she met the love of her life, Chuck Schneider.

Teenagers in love.

In 1980 at the age of 23, Donna celebrated high school graduation alongside her younger sister, Karla. Donna was now with the DAC fulltime, though it later transitioned to EEI (Employment Enterprises, Inc.) Donna was a devoted employee, working in various fields from recycling to kitchen duties to being a member on a cleaning crew. She wrapped up her career in 2014 at The Clothes Hanger. While many people were special to Donna, Jill Senn-Reese is at the top of that list, having worked alongside Donna for 30 years. Donna was very social and loved every part of having a job. She coined the term “no work, no paycheck!”

When our mother passed away in 1996, everything changed for Donna. Her happy trio of Mom, Dad, and Donna was gone. Thankfully, Danny had moved back with our parents shortly before mom’s diagnosis and was able to help care for Donna for the next year. Our father was simply too grief-stricken to meet Donna’s needs. The following year, in 1997, Donna moved to the Brian and Julia Oleson Foster Home. There, she took part in equestrian therapy, where she learned to love and care for “her” horse, Star. This foster experience only served to enlarge Donna’s loving heart even more to include a new family. Here, she had the benefit of enjoying the adventures of a younger family.

In 2008, Horizon Health opened up United Friends in Pierz, and Donna was their first resident. At first, she had a difficult time adjusting, but through much love and encouragement, soon became the “queen” of the place.

Unfortunately, as time moved forward, Alzheimer’s began to shadow Donna. But even through these difficult times, the support from United Friends never wavered. They all cared for her as if she were their very own sister. Mary Young, who was with Donna her entire time there, was especially a gift to Donna and our family. Donna loved and lived life. She loved to dance, attend

parties, and celebrate holidays—especially her birthday. The countdown for her upcoming birthday always started September 18th—just 364 days to go.

Donna enjoyed being with people, especially those she deemed extra special. She loved photography, reading, parties, dancing and music—especially Donny Osmond, and watching Little House shows. Donna was even able to meet Melissa Gilbert as well as Donny and Marie Osmond—true highlights for such a faithful fan. Donna devotedly studied the TV guide, memorizing the timeslots and names of her favorite shows and actors. At each new year, she'd analyze the calendar to the point where she was able to tell people which day of the week their birthday would be on. Donna took great pride in cooking—something she did alongside our Mom—and much enjoyment in eating. And there were years of happy memories from the Airstream at Lake Edward; she especially enjoyed fishing for sunnies and then telling BIG fish stories about them. She participated in equestrian therapy, taking great pride and ownership in Star, “her” horse.

There will never be another Donna. And we think none of you will be offended when we say that she was our family's most beloved. What a gift she was to all of us.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, please honor Donna by giving more hugs, expressing your love openly, enjoying a delicious dessert, listening to your favorite music, and randomly doing the chicken dance.

Donna is survived by her siblings and their spouses; Dale and Patty (Kloss) Scholl of Buckman; Jim and Linda (Putikka) Scholl of Buckman, Arlene (Scholl) Spiczka of Pierz, Janel (Scholl) and Harry Jansen of Pierz, Bill and Barb (Kasper) Scholl of Rosemount, Mary (Scholl) and Don Tschida of Pierz, Dan and Cindy (Przybilla) Scholl of Buckman, Dennis and Geri Ann

(Stellmach) Scholl of Foley, Karla (Scholl) and Galen Stumpf of Pierz, Jackie Scholl and Kevin Johnson of Sauk Rapids, brother-in-law, Hank Terhaar (Sandy) of Foreston, 34 nieces and nephews and many grand-nieces and nephews.

Donna was preceded in death by her Mother, Caroline (1996), niece, Amy Jansen (1999), father, Truman (2000), sister, Judy Terhaar (2013), boyfriend, Chuck Schneider (2016), great-grandnephew, Lincoln Fritz (2017), and brother-in-law Jim Spiczka (2017).

If you would wish to financially support something in Donna's memory, we ask that you consider a gift to Employment Enterprise, Inc., Horizon Health United Friends, or Horizon Health Hospice.

<https://www.razoo.com/organization/Horizon-Health>

<http://www.eeimn.org/get-involved/donate/>

Thank you for your love and support of our sister,
Dale, Jimmy, Arlene, Janel, Billy, Mary, Dennis, Danny, Karla, and Jackie

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Parish Cemetery

Buckman, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Michael's Catholic Church - Buckman
9251 Hwy 25
Buckman, MN 56317

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of LaDonna Scholl*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 11, 2017 at 12:25 PM

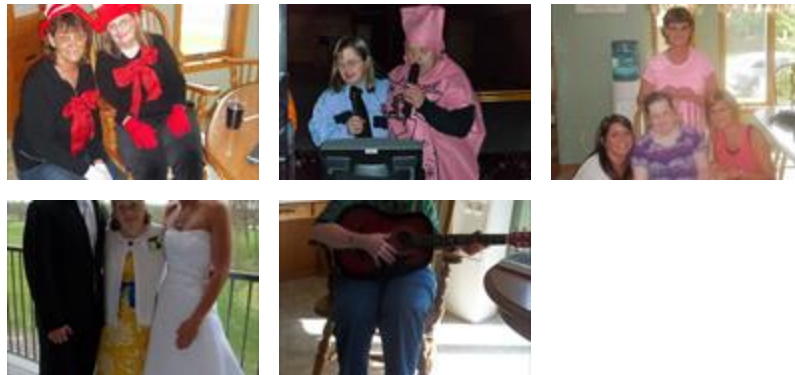


“ *LaDonna Scholl*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *11 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackie Scholl Johnson - October 12, 2017 at 01:05 PM



“ 118 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieux Funeral Homes - October 11, 2017 at 11:12 AM

DF

“ *Denise Flicker lit a candle in memory of LaDonna Scholl*



Denise Flicker - October 10, 2017 at 04:40 PM

TG

“ *We will always remember Donna from vacation at Lake Edward. She would greet us with a big hug & her genuine smile. She would say, "you my friend." And we all agreed, Donna had lots of friends. Our sympathy to the Scholl family.*
Theresa & Gary Gohl



theresa gohl - October 10, 2017 at 04:11 PM

MB

“ Myron Bahmer lit a candle in memory of LaDonna Scholl



Myron Bahmer - October 10, 2017 at 10:22 AM


Rhonda Atchley

“ Donna we will miss your sweet smile! You would greet me with, “I know you! You’re Kelly’s mudder” and give me the most lovely hug. You were truly a gift to all of us. A ray of sunshine every time we saw you.

Rhonda Atchley - October 06, 2017 at 10:42 AM

JM

“ I will always remember Donna giving me a Morning hug in the mornings when i worked at United Friends! I will forever hold that and her memory in my heart! My thoughts and Praters are with all of you during this time.



Jessi (Mischke) McKinnon - October 06, 2017 at 02:08 AM

JM

Prayers..... sorry

Jessi (Mischke) McKinnon - October 06, 2017 at 02:09 AM



“ *Kathy Garlock lit a candle in memory of LaDonna Scholl*



Kathy Garlock - October 05, 2017 at 03:05 PM

BP

“ *Bill & Lori Przybilla lit a candle in memory of LaDonna Scholl*



Bill & Lori Przybilla - October 05, 2017 at 12:43 PM

DO

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Donna, but rest assured, her and Chuck are dancing up a storm together in heaven!!*

Doreen - October 05, 2017 at 10:48 AM

SW

“ *Sandy Wright-Olson sent a virtual gift in memory of LaDonna Scholl*



Sandy Wright-Olson - October 04, 2017 at 01:06 PM

SW

Karla I am so sorry to hear about Donna's passing , you and you family are in my prayers.

Sandy Wright-Olson - October 04, 2017 at 01:07 PM