



Donna Jean Seidenstein

April 21, 1939 - April 20, 2016

Yreka resident Donna Jean Seidenstein passed away at Brookdale Assisted Living in Yreka on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, a day before her 77th birthday. Donna was born April 21, 1939 in Akron, Ohio to Leroy and Hazel Fresh and attended school at Akron Junior High and North High School in Akron. She then went to serve in the U.S. Army.

Donna worked as a chief X-Ray technician for some 30 years in Santa Cruz County prior to moving to Siskiyou County. She and her partner, Dorothy Mae "Sally" Hammond had a special place, "a special bar that catered to partners in San Jose". Donna and Sally were State Registered Domestic Partners. The couple moved to the Copco area prior to moving to Yreka. They loved to travel with their travel trailer. Donna also loved entertaining children in the Ben Lomond area of Calif. She would do clown shows and there was never a dull moment when she was in the room.

Donna enjoyed volunteering at Fairchild Medical Center. She was a member of the Yreka United Methodist Church in Yreka and occasionally sang in the church choir. Her best friend since the passing of Sally was Lois Nelson. Her ministry and Toni Hartman were also very important to her. The family would like to especially thank Donna's caregiver, Bea, Madrone Hospice and the staff at Brookdale Assisted Living.

Donna is survived by numerous nieces and nephews; two sisters, Darlene Smith and Delores Keffler; two brothers, Leroy Edward Fresh Jr. and Donald Eugene Fresh and her beloved dog, Pipsi. She was preceded in death by

Sally.

A memorial graveside service will be held on Monday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the Evergreen Cemetery in Yreka. If desired, donations may be made in her name to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Top of Evergreen Lane
Yreka, CA 96097

Previous Events

Memorial Graveside Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I met Donna and Sally back in the early 70's. We had such good times at their home in Felton with many other friends. We helped build a chicken house in their yard, barbequed, celebrated birthdays, Halloween and Christmas together with our close group of friends. Donna always the comic with her string of jokes and rhyming ditties. "Put a penny in the gum slot", etc, etc, was one of her favorites. She would dress up in her clown attire and make balloon pets for us.

She and Sally left their Felton house and moved eventually to Yreka, after a stint at Needles, Ca and Copco Lake where we also visited them.

We had talked to her a couple of months ago and have been playing phone tag this last month and I'm sad to say we didn't connect. After the latest attempts we started calling 'homes' in her area and found out today she passed. We are so saddened and so sorry we didn't get to chat with her again. We know she missed Sally terribly, so hopefully they are together again. Love, hugs and peace.....Irene Stevens and Cooper Gallegos

Irene Stevens - May 06, 2016 at 04:24 PM

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“ I met Donna when she and I were both participating in a Caregiver's Support Group. I loved her sense of humor and freedom to say just about whatever popped into her mind. Got to have a short visit with her on April 19 when she told me she wanted to make it to her birthday on the 21st. Almost, Donna, almost. Rest in Peace and go find Sally if she hasn't found you already.

K. Graves - April 24, 2016 at 04:33 PM

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“ Donna "I" this is Donna "II" saying goodbye for the last time. I enjoyed working for you, Sally and Pipsi. May God bless and keep you. You were generous with laughter, heart and spirit.

As always, your friend and health care worker for a while, Donna "II" Brooks

Donna Brooks - April 23, 2016 at 09:56 AM