



Donna Rae Smith

December 16, 1936 - May 18, 2026

Donna Smith, 89, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2026 in Yreka.

Donna was born on December 16, 1936, in Greene County, Iowa to Margaret and Floyd Fountain. She was raised on the family farm and was proud to still own a piece of her family's farmland in Iowa. Donna met Robert (Bob) Smith in Jefferson, Iowa and the two were wed on July 6, 1958. In 1960, shortly after the birth of their daughter, Lu Ann, Bob and Donna moved to Yreka, where they have lived for the past 66 years.

Donna's life was marked by her dedication to her family and her many creative pursuits. Donna treasured her family roots in Iowa, visiting often with her daughter and grandchildren. In addition to working at, and later owning, Classic Draperies in Yreka, Donna found joy in a variety of hobbies that showcased her creativity and zest for life. She was an accomplished quilter and seamstress who also enjoyed tatting, a delicate form of lace-making. Her love for the arts extended to her support of the Red Scarf Society for the Performing Arts, of which she was a frequent patron. Donna believed in staying active and the importance of physical fitness, which she maintained through line dancing and classes at the Siskiyou Family YMCA. She treasured the time spent with friends who shared her interests.

Donna's family was central to her life. She is survived by her husband, Bob; her daughter, Lu Ann Singleton (Ray); and two grandchildren who brought immense pride and joy to her life: Amy Evans (Tyler) and Clinton Singleton (Laura). Donna was also blessed with four great-grandchildren: Claire (13), Holt (12), Audrey (12), and Grace (8) who she loved entertaining in her kitchen just as much as they loved sharing her treats. Additionally, Donna is survived by nephews Merritt Stream (Annette), David Fountain (Linda), Darrell Fountain (Melanie), and nieces Linda Hedges (Randy) and Mary Ann Fountain, as well as numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret and Floyd Fountain; her beloved sister Francetta Stream; and her brother Darrell Fountain.

Services will be at Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Red Scarf Society for the Performing Arts of Siskiyou County, P.O. Box 1824 Yreka, Siskiyou Family YMCA 350 N Foothill Dr. or Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Cir.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 26. 11:00 AM (PT)

Girdner Funeral Chapel
202 S. Oregon St.
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 842-3434

Tribute Wall

CP

“ Donna was like "Momma number 2" to me every summer with trips to the town swimming pool and root beer floats after at A&W. My love to LuAnn and all the family. Much love to Donna and many good memories. Cindy (Martin) Parsay and family

Cindy Parsay - May 27 at 06:24 PM

PL

“ Donna will be greatly missed by all her linedance friends, those still dancing in Yreka and those who have moved away and still keep in touch. She was also my "concert buddy" going to SPAC Christmas plays and Red Scarf performances. She was a wonderful lady and a true friend.

Pauline Lauridsen - May 24 at 06:17 PM

JB

“ DONNA WAS THE SWEETEST LADY. SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

JEANNE BRINKMAN - May 24 at 09:26 AM

JF

“ My love & condolences to all the family. I knew Donna from her "drape making" days and always admired her great talent & visiting when our girls were growing up together.. I always enjoyed a short visit with her when going to & from our exercise classes at the Y & will really miss seeing her. Judy L Foster

Judy L Foster - May 21 at 06:58 PM

BR

“ Beverly (Garrity) & Tuffy Roberts purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donna Rae Smith.



Beverly (Garrity) & Tuffy Roberts - May 21 at 06:28 PM

MW

“ I knew Donna from the Senior Aerobics class at the YMCA. She was kind, energetic, and smiled easily.

Myna Wilson - May 20 at 04:07 PM