



## Donna Elsie Peterson

January 9, 1933 - December 13, 2025

A celebration of life for DONNA ELSIE PETERSON, 92, will be held at 1pm, Monday December 22, 2025. Donna passed away Saturday, December 13th in Scottsbluff care facilities, and cremation has taken place. Pastor Brent Mullock will officiate at SonRise Church. A reception will follow at the church. Donna was born January 9, 1933, to A.D. and Elsie Paisley of Node, Wyoming. She was proud of beginning her education at Node's one room schoolhouse, which led to becoming Valedictorian of her Lusk High School Senior Class. She married Mahlon on her birthday in 1955, and in the first years of their marriage Mahlon worked in road construction. They often boasted to have lived in every town in eastern Wyoming before settling on their farm outside of Torrington in 1959.

Donna and Mahlon made a life in the Gleaners Union Community: farming, raising three kids, and becoming active members of the community. Donna was involved in the 4-H program for over 60 years. It was her honor to lead the Gleaners Union club, establish the cat and dog projects, and hold office at local and state 4-H levels. She has been a positive influence to thousands of Wyoming 4-H youth over the years. No doubt many alumni will have memories of her leadership, work ethic, and dedication to cats, dogs, leathercraft, art, and other projects.

As a lifelong community leader, Donna was an enthusiastic member of the Southeast Wyoming Art Association, the local Red Hat Society, Goshen County Homemakers Club, and Gleaners Union Club. All of which brought her

joy. Independent to the end, you may have seen her lunching at the Senior Center, enjoying local art shows, judging cat and dog shows at county fairs, and taking care of her barn animals! She loved to travel and took many cruise trips with Mahlon. After she lost her dancin' partner, she continued to travel, making multiple trips to bucket-list destinations with her friends and family. Donna was a dedicated, lifelong artist, having showcased her talent across the state. Goshen County locals may be familiar with her murals in Torrington and Lingle, and she took joy in encouraging her children and grandchildren to hone their own crafts. She was an avid photographer as well, having documented her life in thousands of images throughout the years.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Mahlon. She is survived by sons Eric (Jeanine) of Sheridan, Clay of Torrington, and daughter Kathi (Don) Buxman of Greeley, Colorado. Grandchildren include Mae (Dusty) Smith, Tandy Peterson, Lloyd (Micki) Votruba, Andy (Emily) Lucas, Clay Walker and Kelly Peterson. Donna particularly enjoyed great-grandchildren Gracia, Bryndle, Taos, and Remi Votruba, Kolby and Krew Lucas, Cedar and Stetson Smith, and her little dog Sioux.

Colyer Funeral Home in Torrington has assisted with arrangements and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com). Donations in Donna's memory can be made to the Goshen County 4-H Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Sonrise Church  
1100 E Valley Road  
Torrington, WY 82240

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ *I will miss you so much mom.* ”



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**Kathi** - December 30, 2025 at 03:18 PM

BP

“ *Bonnie Parker lit a candle in memory of Donna Elsie Peterson* ”



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**Bonnie Parker** - December 28, 2025 at 03:49 PM

PB

“ *Sending condolences on the passing of Donna. From Pat (Geiser) Brown* ”



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**Pat Brown** - December 18, 2025 at 07:40 PM

RW

“ *Donna will always be remembered as a kind and sweet soul. We loved getting to know Donna and enjoyed traveling with her on our trips together. She will be missed! John and Ronni Wahl* ”

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**Ronni Wahl** - December 18, 2025 at 06:22 PM

KB

*Ronnie. Mom so enjoyed her trips with you!*

**Kathi Buxman** - December 30, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Elsie Peterson.*



December 18, 2025 at 12:21 PM

TT

“ *Tim & Clarice, Tyler & Tracy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Elsie Peterson.*

**Tim & Clarice, Tyler & Tracy** - December 18, 2025 at 12:21 PM

KE

“ *We had the privilege of Donna & Mahlon's friendship during and after the 52 years we lived in Torrington. Our connection with the Gleaners Union family was full of many memorable lasting memories.*

*Our sincere condolences to the families of Eric, Clay, and Kathi and their families. As you know your mother was a very special woman to so many many generations with her community work. What a lady whom we held in high regard.*

*Yes Donna we will miss you but your bright smile will always be with us.*

*Howard & Karin Eisenhauer*



**Karin Eisenhauer** - December 18, 2025 at 12:03 PM

KB

*Thank you Howard and Karen. Mom will be missed by so many people that were friends over the years, and you were two of them.*

**Kathi Buxman** - December 30, 2025 at 03:08 PM

KP

“ *Kevin&Becky Pedley lit a candle in memory of Donna Peterson*



**Kevin&Becky Pedley** - December 17, 2025 at 12:16 PM

JR

“ *What a bright light Heaven has gained! Donna was such a positive force of nature, and her many talents were outpaced only by her kindness and enthusiasm for encouraging others. I enjoyed our time together in the art association, and appreciated her expertise when I took a dog training course from her. I don't think I ever saw her without a smile for every person who came her way. She will be missed by so many. My heart goes out to her family and loved ones.*



**Jane Rock** - December 17, 2025 at 11:58 AM

VH

“ *Donna's kindness and warmth will always be remembered. My thoughts are with you. Vicki Hayman*

**Vicki Hayman** - December 17, 2025 at 10:24 AM

VH

“ Vicki Hayman lit a candle in memory of Donna Peterson



Vicki Hayman - December 17, 2025 at 10:19 AM

MG

“ Donna was a dedicated Homemaker loved life and will be missed by some many people

Mary Gradert - December 16, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Donna Elsie Peterson.



December 16, 2025 at 06:12 PM

BO

“ Brock, Amy, Titus and Orabelle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Elsie Peterson.

Brock, Amy, Titus and Orabelle - December 16, 2025 at 06:12 PM

KR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of your family. So sorry to hear that you lost you mom and grandma. I am sure she continued with her 4-H leading as soon as she hit the pearly gates! Kerri and John Rose*

**Kerri Rose** - December 16, 2025 at 05:21 PM

BL

“ *Bette Lippincott lit a candle in memory of Donna Elsie Peterson*



**Bette Lippincott** - December 16, 2025 at 02:49 PM

DE

“ *Deb Ehler lit a candle in memory of Donna Peterson*



**Deb Ehler** - December 16, 2025 at 02:31 PM

BG

“ *Bobbi Kay Giles lit a candle in memory of Donna Peterson*



**Bobbi Kay Giles** - December 16, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ Royce & Carolyn Nelson lit a candle in memory of Donna Peterson



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**Royce & Carolyn Nelson** - December 16, 2025 at 11:40 AM