



Donna Jean Hinds

November 4, 1944 - August 4, 2011

Donna is the second of four children born to Fola and Phil Dietz, Sr. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 4th, 1944. Donna and her family moved to Portland, Oregon when she was about 4 years old. She attended kindergarten through high school within the Portland Public School system, graduating in 1962. She then went on to try college at Oregon College of Education, now known as Western Oregon University, in Monmouth.

After OCE, Donna moved back to Portland and began her working career. She worked for Blanchard Lumber and North Pacific Lumber in SE Portland and for ViewMaster in Beaverton.

In 1966, one of Donna's friends set her up on a date with the friend's fiance's Navy-friend. Donna remembered clearly that after that first date, she had met the man she was later going to marry ... Duncan Hinds. There was a four-year courtship and one day in late July 1970, Duncan gave her an ultimatum - either marry me now, or I'm going to reenlist for a 3rd term in the Navy. Donna couldn't resist this offer and 17 days later, on August 9th, they were married at Vernon Presbyterian Church in Portland.

Donna and Duncan settled into married life and starting a family. They had bought a small starter home in Beaverton with Duncan's VA benefits and not too far afterwards, Kristi was born on November 27th, 1973. Donna

remembered that Duncan felt compelled to paint the concrete-slab back patio a turquoise color, so that the people in the airplanes overhead would think they had a pool. In spring/summer 1975, Donna realized she was pregnant again and that their starter home was too small to have another child. She and Duncan found some property in the outskirts of Oregon City and build a home from the ground up. The family of three moved into the new home in November 1975. Philip came along on January 21st, 1976.

Donna loved being a mommy and was very involved in her children's school and after-school activities. She was a Blue Bird leader, a PTA member, a Cub Scout helper and Boy Scout helper.

As the children got older, Donna felt it was time for her to go back to work. She went to Clackamas Community College to learn "computer" skills and to update her resume. She quickly found work with K&B Business Services and loved being an Accounting Clerk for them. She retired from K&B, on disability, in 1994, after approximately 6 years of service.

Donna had been fighting the battle of Diabetes from the time she was pregnant with Kristi until the very end. She slowly lost all feeling in her feet, lower legs and hands - what is commonly called "sock and glove" syndrome. She was also dealing with other health related issues resulting from the Diabetes, such as vision problems, heart problems and kidney and liver issues. Donna knew that Diabetes runs in her family and was always concerned for her children, hoping and praying that they wouldn't develop this awful disease. Unfortunately, Kristi is also Diabetic and dealing with some of the similar issues that Donna has also dealt with.

After the kids were grown and no longer needing a "mommy", Donna got more involved with her volunteer and charity work. She became more involved with Beavercreek United Church of Christ and with her Christian Women's Club.

These organizations were something that kept her busy, on and off the computer. She also became more of a caregiver for her own mother, Fola. Donna was a very nurturing and loving person and knew that her mom could no longer live alone, so she asked Fola to move into the Hinds' family house. Fola lived with us until she passed in 1994.

In 2000, Donna was the doting mother when she was asked if Slade Garman could take her daughter Kristi's hand in marriage. Slade and Kristi married on September 22nd, 2001. Donna was at her best in her lavender dress at the wedding and was glowing with excitement and pride. Sadly, Slade passed shortly after the marriage had begun, in March 2004.

In 2007, still living with her son Phil, Donna and Phil moved out to a brand new house in Colton. Donna loved the new house & badly wanted to decorate it with family heirlooms and newly purchased items.

In late 2007, Donna developed an ulcer on her left heel. By February 2008 this had gotten so infected and unrepairable, that Donna lost her left leg below the knee. By the end of 2008 Donna was beginning to walk, ever so gingerly, with a prosthetic leg and a walker.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **20**. 4:00 PM (PT)

Beavercreek United Church of Christ
23345 South Beavercreek Rd.
Beavercreek, OR

Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Jean Hinds*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Kristi and Philip:*

When we were advised of Donna's death, Tod and I were extremely saddened. We had not been in contact for many years (except at Christmas) but Duncan always kept us up to date on Donna's health and telling us how much he cared for the two of you. After so many years of enduring pain and failing health, Donna is now at peace.

Tod and Irene Manrell - August 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Kristi and Phil,*

Our thoughts are with you at this time of your mother's passing. We remember that Donna was a favorite niece of Betty's and we warmly remember Donna and our visits there with you all.

*Much Love,
Jim and Holly Clemans*

Jim and Holly Clemans - August 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kristi and Phil,*

So sorry about your mom. Enjoyed knowing her and playing Bunco with her.

Sherry Leise - August 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Donna was a wonderful person and I will never forget her warm heart and the kindness she showed to me and many others.

Sherri Vetsch - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We were so saddened to hear about Donna's passing. She was a kind and generous soul and we are all greatly diminished by her not being here among us.

Praying peace for all the family,

John and Loretta

John and Loretta Donnelly - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ We are so sad to hear of Donna's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Lorraine & Dave Harden - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Donna Jean Hinds c/o Hillside Chapel funeral home.

August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ We are so sorry that we are not able to attend. We have so many fond memories of Donna and know she is happy and pain free with her heavenly father now.

Pam and Terry Akers - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Kristi & Phil- sooo sorry to hear about Donna. I will especially miss her at Thanksgiving dinner.

Don Krause - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ I was sorry to hear about Donna's passing. She was a very hard worker and I liked working with her in Home Health PT. The world will miss her alot. My prayers are with you Phil and Kristi. Sincerely
Kathy Johnsonld

Kathlyn Johnson - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ It was so nice to have known your Mother. She was a kind, caring individual, and as far as I can remember, I never saw her without a smile, even though she had severe health problem. We know you will miss her and are so sorry we are unable to come to the memorial. May God Bless You and your family.

Lee and Norma Barney - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Phil and Kristi,
I was so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a wonderful person. I know she will be missed by many people. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you both and all her friends. aa

Casandra Santos - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ kristi and phil your mother was a very fine woman and I know you will miss her. our thoughts are with you both.take care of yourselves.john and toni

john and toni garman - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Donna was a great upbeat person all the time. She will truly be missed.

Dave and Teri Fletcher - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Kristi and Phil - I want you to know how sorry I am with your mom's passing. My first connection with her was as a teacher at parent-teacher conferences, discussing your school work. What an awesome parent she was! You will get through this tough time, together. My love to you both.

John Salisbury - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Kristi and Phil- Very sorry to here about your Mom. She'll be missed. I loved spending the time that I had with her.

Lori Willhite - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Donna:
Since the first nite we met, you've owned a big portion of my heart. Thank you for keeping me on the straight and narrow. You are the most honest and careing lady I've ever known. To be sure, I'll never stop loving you, nor ever forget you. Wished I'd done "things" differently.
Yours always, Duncan

Duncan M. Hinds - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Donna was like a family member to us, we had some great times together. She will be missed dearly. Our prays go out to Kristi and Phil. Donna will always be in our heart.

John and Penny Platt - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I HAVE KNOWN DONNA FOR ALOT OF YEARS WHEN I WAS MARRIED TO GORDON GILSRUD.. SHE WAS A NICE LADY, SHE WAS ALWAYS NICE TO ME.. I SEND MY CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS.. YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS.
BETTY WILLIAMS

BETTY WILLIAMS - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Mom ... I will miss you always, but I now you are watching over me.

Kristi Garman - August 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM