

In Loving Memory Of
Donna J. Rieger

September 5, 1936 December 19, 2025
Clear Lake, South Dakota Gettysburg, South Dakota

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.
He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

CELEBRATION OF LIFE:

11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 13, 2026

United Methodist Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Laura Cook

URN BEARER:

Jeff Rieger

HONORARY BEARERS:

All of Donna's Grandkids

PIANIST:

Nancy Smith

VOCALISTS:

Emily Coughanour
Ross Coughanour

HYMNS:

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
"Softly and Tenderly"
"Victory in Jesus"

BURIAL:

Gettysburg Cemetery
Gettysburg, South Dakota



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Donna J. Rieger, 89, of Gettysburg, beloved wife, mother, grandma, and great grandma, passed away peacefully Friday, December 19, 2025, at Avera Oahe Manor, Gettysburg.

Donna Joanne Hofman was born September 5, 1936, to Dick and Phyllis (Cook) Hofman in Clear Lake, SD. As one of five children, Donna was raised on a farm in Clear Lake where she learned how to work hard on the farm and in school. She graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1954 and then went on to attend the former Sioux Falls College, now USF, where she met her future husband, Ruben Rieger.

They married on April 20, 1956. Donna worked while Ruben finished his college degree. They lived in El Paso, TX for two years where Ruben served in the Army. After completing his enlistment, they moved to Newell, SD where Ruben began his teaching career. Three years later, in July 1963, they moved to Gettysburg and have been here ever since. In 1976, Donna started working as a custodian for Gettysburg High School where she continued working for 25 years. The work was hard, but Donna loved the students.

Donna (Grandma Rieger) will always be remembered for the dresses and pajamas she made for her children and grandchildren, for her beautiful flower and vegetable gardens, and for the wonderful smells and tastes that came from her kitchen. Donna was always active in the United Methodist Church. She was a dedicated member of the choir for years. She taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, participated in bake sales, and did whatever she was asked to do.

Donna is loved and will forever be missed by her surviving family members; Ruben, her husband of 69½ years; her four children, Howard (Mal) Granada Hills, CA, Jim (Pam) Estelline, SD, Cindy (David) Coughanour, Springville, UT, and Peggy Rieger, Gettysburg, SD; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren (with one on the way); her four sisters; Ruth Berndt, White, SD, Carol Madsen, Sioux Falls, SD, Mildred Hack, Omaha, NE, and Barb (Bill) Schiefelbein, Clear Lake, SD.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents; one brother; three brothers-in-law; and one granddaughter, Amanda Rieger.

