



Donna Mae Gereb

November 15, 1940 - January 21, 2021

Donna Mae Gereb, age 80, passed away peacefully January 21, 2021 after a brief illness. She was born November 15th, 1940 in Sharon, Pennsylvania to Victor and Eva Paulenich.

Donna was a passionate educator in and out of the classroom, formally and informally encouraging learning. Her teaching career was broad ranging, from elementary school classrooms to principal and supervisory certifications. She was awarded two master's degrees, one in Education and one in Science in Education. Over the course of 29 years in the classroom, she introduced new technologies, expanded reading, math, and science opportunities for students throughout Ohio and received Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Teaching and Science Awards.

After she retired from teaching, Donna became an Education Consultant for Mahoning County, was a School Improvement Consultant in Licking County, a Director of Education in Hamilton County and was a Reading and Mathematics Consultant for the Ohio Department of Education, contributing to the STEM Program. Donna completed her career full circle, back in the classroom as an elementary substitute teacher, with the children that gave her so much joy and purpose.

Donna enjoyed being outdoors, reading, gardening, and walking. An

adventure in the forest, in the mountains or at the beach were times she cherished, especially when shared with her family and friends.

Above all, she lived for her children and grandchildren. Always present for those around her and caring deeply for anyone who was fortunate enough to come into her life.

She is survived by her husband, William R. Gereb (Powell, OH), her son Brian Gereb and his wife Amy, (Summerfield, NC), grandson Blake I. Gereb (Summerfield, NC), granddaughter Hannah G. Gereb (Summerfield, NC), son Barry W. Gereb and his wife Erica (Aspen, CO), sister Vicki Maykowski (Colorado Springs, CO) and brother Dennis Paulenich and his wife Margaret (Virginia Beach, VA) and many loving nieces and nephews.

A small family service honoring her Catholic faith will be held in Powell, Ohio.

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Tribute Wall

HG

“ 5 years today i lost my best friend. i still dont have the words to describe how much you meant to me and im not sure i ever will. i love you more.

hannah grace - January 21 at 10:51 PM

HG

“ Hi Mema. I love you more. Forever and always.

Hannah Grace Gereb - January 21, 2025 at 11:00 PM

HG

“ Merry Christmas Mema. I miss you so much. We made the soup again. My partner Dean loves it. We saved some for you. I hope to see you soon. I'm sending you all of my love. As always, I love you more.

Hannah Grace Gereb - December 25, 2024 at 02:23 AM

HG

“ Happy (late) birthday Mema! Life is going well!!! Dean and I moving into a new apartment soon and I'm going to visit the family over Thanksgiving. I'll save a plate for you. I love you always.

Hannah Grace Gereb - November 16, 2024 at 06:46 PM

HG

“ Hi Mema, It's been three years but still feels like yesterday sometimes. You are the best thing that has ever happened to me. I love you more.

Hannah Grace - January 22, 2024 at 03:32 PM

HG

“ Merry Christmas Mema. I made the soup for the first on my own. I wish you were here to try it. I miss you so much. I love you more.

Hannah Grace - December 25, 2023 at 02:12 AM

HG

“ Hi Mema. It's my birthday again. I wish you were here. I went to Disney for the first time since you passed. I know you wanted to go with me badly. I hope you were there with me. I love you more.

Hannah Grace - December 12, 2023 at 11:32 PM

HG

“ Hi Mema. I really am having a rough day without you. I wish you were here. It's almost been three years and so much is different but I still miss you. I love you more.

Hannah Grace - November 10, 2023 at 04:43 PM

HG

“ Hi Mema. I miss you so much. I wish you were here to see what has happened since you left. I love you more.

Hannah Grace Gereb - March 16, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ Donna Mae Gereb

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

HG

“ Merry Christmas Mema. We missed you. I love you so much. Always.

Hannah Grace Gereb - December 25, 2022 at 11:29 PM

HG

“ Happy Birthday Mema. I love and miss you every single day.

Hannah Grace Gereb - November 15, 2022 at 10:58 AM

HG

“ Hi Mema. Happy Good Friday. I love you so much. I miss you so much. I'm graduating soon. Please be there.

Hannah Grace Gereb - April 15, 2022 at 10:39 PM

HG

“ Hey Mema. Merry Christmas. I love you more.

Hannah Grace Gereb - December 25, 2021 at 06:55 PM

HG

“ Hi Mema. I miss you like crazy. I wish you were here with me. I love you more.

Hannah Grace Gereb - October 12, 2021 at 08:00 PM

HG

“ Hey Mema. Happy Easter. I love you so much.

Hannah Gereb - April 04, 2021 at 09:19 AM

HG

“ Hey Mema, I love you so much. I can not wait to see you again. Please save a spot for me.

Hannah Grace Gereb - March 05, 2021 at 08:01 PM

KP

“ *Kathy Paulenich sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna Mae Gereb*



Kathy Paulenich - February 11, 2021 at 10:34 AM

KP

My sympathy to the entire family! Love to all!

Kathy Paulenich - February 11, 2021 at 10:36 AM

DC

“ *Dennis, Peggy, Cari, Vernon, Jena, Drew, and Chase purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Donna Mae Gereb.*



Dennis, Peggy, Cari, Vernon, Jena, Drew, and Chase -
February 06, 2021 at 03:35 PM

TP

“ *Tom June Britt Robert and Philip purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Donna Mae Gereb.*



Tom June Britt Robert and Philip - February 05, 2021 at 03:04 PM

NJ

“ Niece Julie purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Donna Mae Gereb.



Niece Julie - February 05, 2021 at 02:55 PM

GE

“ God-daughter. Elaine purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donna Mae Gereb.



God-daughter. Elaine - February 05, 2021 at 02:47 PM

SV

“ Sister- Vicki purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donna Mae Gereb.



Sister- Vicki - February 05, 2021 at 02:17 PM