



## Donna Rae Clark

November 27, 1944 - December 16, 2023

Donna Rae (Hoopes) Clark was born November 27, 1944 to Raymond and Dorothy Hoopes in Anthony, Kansas. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones on December 16, 2023 at the age of 79 years and 19 days following a short battle with lung cancer.

She grew up as an only child on the family farm in Anthony, Kansas. Donna always had a deep love of animals and as a child, would often sneak her cat through the window and into her bed.

In 1964, Donna married the love of her life, Kenneth Clark, thanks to a divinely orchestrated blind date. Donna and Kenny moved to Alva in 1964 after Kenny closed his eyes and put his finger down on a US map. Their children, Brian and Lynette, were both born and raised in Alva.

They have many fond memories of watching her raise various farm animals on their land north of town. Donna worked tirelessly as an X-ray technician at Share hospital for many years. She was then employed as deputy county assessor at the Woods County courthouse until her retirement.

Donna was a beautiful, quiet and classy lady. She often kept her opinions to herself and left others wondering what was going on behind those pretty blue eyes. "Good grief!" was her go-to response to nearly everything. Donna was mechanically gifted and could fix anything from an electric razor to a hot water tank. She was also a talented quilter, decorator and fabulous cook.

Donna participated in the Kindred Sisters, Alva Quilters, Salt Fork Square

Dancers, Card Club, Supper Club, Red Hat Society and was a long term member of the Alva Friends Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband of almost 59 years, Kenneth.

Donna is survived by her son Brian Clark (wife Lisa), and a daughter Lynette Brown (husband Jimmy), grandchildren: Taylor Wilson (husband Wade), Trevor Clark, Brendan Brown, Austin Clark, Raegan Brown and two great-grandchildren Kasen and Kally Wilson as well as a devoted dog companion, Izzy Rae.

She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Memorial Contributions may be  made in her memory to the Alva Friends Church.

There will be a Memorial Service for Donna on Saturday, January 20th 2024 at the Friends Church in Alva, OK at 11AM.

## Cemetery Details

### Forest Park Cemetery

Anthony, KS 67003

## Previous Events

### Celebration of Life

JAN **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Alva Friends Church  
614 College Avenue  
Alva, OK 737 17-

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Wharton Funeral Chapel** - January 17, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Rae Clark*



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**Wharton Funeral Chapel** - January 16, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ *Annette Schwerdtfeger lit a candle in memory of Donna Rae Clark*



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**Annette Schwerdtfeger** - January 17, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ 182 files added to the album *Donna Clark Memories Album*



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**Wharton Funeral Chapel** - January 16, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ *Jim and Lovenia purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Donna Rae Clark.*



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**Jim and Lovenia** - January 16, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ *I knew Donna and Kenny from going to the Friends Church with my mom, Vera Sterba. Donna was a lovely lady and always very friendly. I remember being around her in the kitchen during church dinners. I'm sure that she and Kenny are enjoying being reunited. RIP dear lady.*



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**Donise Cinnamon** - December 18, 2023 at 12:40 PM

VS

*“ I had the pleasure of working with Donna in the County Assessors office. She was quiet, in her own way, but fun to be around, a trusting friend. We square danced together, also enjoyed the same card club. May each of your hearts be warmed by special memories of one so dear to you!!  
RIP Donna!*



**Vaughna Schmidt** - December 17, 2023 at 08:09 PM

MS

*Donna was one of my closest friends and confidants. We worked together for 24 years in the Co. Assessors's office. She was a good worker, person, and friend. I will treasure our friendship and will miss her forever!  
Brian, Lisa, Lynette, & Jimmy: we are so sorry for your sadness, especially at Christmas time!*

**Monica & Bob Schmidt** - December 18, 2023 at 03:06 PM

GS

*We have many good memories of being with Donna and Kenneth at various times over the years, we send our thoughts and prayers to the family at this time. Love to all.*

**Gene & Virginia Stands** - December 19, 2023 at 09:18 PM

CG

*So many wonderful memories with Donna and Kenny. He was a best friend to Ross. We had so much fun on a trip to Branson even though the boys were impatient while we shopped! Donna set a great example for her children and grandchildren. A kind, generous, loyal friend. I will remember her always. Rest in sweet peace, my dear friend.*

**Charlene Graham** - December 21, 2023 at 04:39 PM