

Donna Elaine Sjaarda

September 18, 1947 – January 3, 2023

Donna E. Sjaarda, 75, of Hills, MN, passed away on January 3, 2023, at Tuff Memorial Home in Hills, MN.

Funeral Services were held on January 9, 2023, at the First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Falls, SD. Interment followed at the United Reformed Cemetery, Hills, MN.

Donna Elaine Sjaarda was born September 18, 1947, to Clarence and Mina (Klein) Sjaarda. She entered school at the age of 4 at the Minnesota School for the Deaf in Faribault, MN, until the fifth grade. She then transferred to South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, SD, from which she graduated in 1967. Donna attended vocational school in Sioux Falls, graduating in 1969. She worked at Shipley's Laundry for 45 years before retiring.



Donna was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Falls. Donna was active in the Deaf Club and served as treasurer for several years. She resided at Tuff Memorial Home in Hills, MN, for years where she enjoyed activities like Bingo, Bible study, playing Wii, and thoroughly enjoying the pet visits and trolley rides around town.

Donna is survived by her four siblings, Joan (Bob) Van Engen, Valley Springs, Wanda (Jim) Jansma, Carlsbad, CA, John (Marlys) Sjaarda, Valley Springs, and Norman (Donna Jean) Sjaarda, Hills, MN; and many nieces and nephews.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Wilhelmina "Mina"; maternal grandparents, John and Ida Klein, Sioux Center, IA; paternal grandparents, Nicholas and Dirkje Sjaarda, Carnes, IA; and one nephew, Michael Van Engen.