



# Donna M. Sherwood

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**D**onna M. Sherwood, of Fulton, passed away, Thursday, October 15, 2015 at Mercy Medical Center – Clinton. Services for Donna will be private. The Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Donna Marie Sherwood was born July, 4, 1930 in Baldwin, Iowa, the daughter of Frank and Florence (Caven) McCutcheon. She was a 1947 graduate of Delmar High School in Delmar, Iowa. She graduated from Mt. St. Clare College in Clinton, Iowa with an Associate of Arts Degree. She graduated from Marycrest College, Davenport, Iowa receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She also attended two summers at Colorado State Teacher's College in Greeley, Colorado and she attended summer school at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

Donna was an elementary school teacher for 35 years of which 30 were with the Clinton Community Schools. She took an early retirement in 1988.

Donna married Clayton Thomas Sherwood on June 15, 1957 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Clinton, Iowa.

Donna was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish, Clinton, Iowa, past member of the Clinton Education Association, the Iowa State Education Association and a life member of the National Education Association. She was a retired member of the Iowa State Education Association and a member of the Quad City Plus 60 Club.

She enjoyed traveling with her husband, both in the United States and abroad. They traveled to many countries in Europe and some of those several times. She and her husband loved Ireland. They traveled there four times over the years. They traveled all over the continental United States, Canada many time, and to Hawaii. She enjoyed the theatre, art museums and galleries, reading, walking, and crossword puzzles.



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Donna is survived by her husband, Clayton Thomas Sherwood of Fulton, Illinois; many nieces and nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter, Christine Marie Sherwood; four brothers: Perry, Marvin, Kenneth, and Kermit McCutcheon; and one sister: Glatha M. Ales.

Memorials may be made to the Prince of Peace Parish in Clinton.



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**Dena Petersen** posted:

I remember so well that smile !!! I also remember how helpful Donna was when I began teaching at Longfellow along with Peg McNamara the fourth grades. Later when I moved to the 6th and 5th grades, we enjoyed a "second floor camaraderie " that endured--terribly necessary some days of teaching. Tom, , I am so very sorry and sorry our paths rarely crossed after retirement. She was truly a neat lady and a very private person, but I shall always remember her as being lots of fun and cheering me along the way. Thanks, Donna, for the memories.

October 21 at 7:39 AM



**Miki Kiester** sent a virtual gift in honor of Donna .

Mrs. Sherwood was my 4th grade teacher and favorite teacher. She never failed to greet me with a hug whenever we would meet. She was an absolutely wonderful human being and her grace has stayed with me for almost 40 years. My heart is broken upon hearing of her loss, but her memory will stay with me until my last breath. My condolences to the family, you are in my prayers.Miki Kiester



October 20 at 9:28 AM



**Sarah Jacoby** posted:

I was very sad when my mom told me today of Mrs. Sherwood's passing. My mom and I both had Mr. Sherwood as a teacher, and my three siblings and I all had Mrs. Sherwood as a 4th grade teacher. Mrs. Sherwood's main objective was for her students to learn. It was evident that seeing young minds soak up information and express creativity was its own reward for her. She was the kind of teacher whose lessons and personality stayed with you forever. My sister passed away 13 years ago. Despite the fact that it had been around 25 years since Mrs. Sherwood had my sister in her class, she and Mr. Sherwood both came to her visitation. It meant the world to us. She not only remembered my sister and I, but my classmates who were there as well, even calling them by name!! I had the great fortune to reconnect with Mrs. Sherwood in the last few years. After all these years, she was still interested in and delighted for the things I was accomplishing in my life. I am so grateful I had the opportunity to let her know the impact she had on me all those years ago. She was a wonderful teacher, a wonderful person, and I will keep Mr. Sherwood in my heart during this difficult time.

October 19 at 4:16 PM

**SJ Sarah Jacoby** October 19 at 4:17 PM  
\*Sarah (Yellman) Jacoby



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JW

**John R Wrightfield** posted:

Miss McCutcheon, as we knew her then, was my 5th-grade teacher in 1956-57. I remember her quite well as one of my special teachers I had at Longfellow School for grades 4, 5, & 6. One distinctive thing about Miss McCutcheon, which I still carry with me to this day was the way she printed on the blackboard. Her style caught my eye and to this day I still print my capital "E" with three horizontal strokes with no vertical downstroke. (There is also the time when I brought an extremely large Nazi flag into her room before class and draped it over the desks. I'll not forget her reaction!) She is one of those special teachers that one remembers throughout life. I had heard she married Mr. Sherwood, who I also had as an art teacher in 7th grade (1957-58, if my memory serves me). Mr Sherwood also was an influence in my art life. I went on to become a graphics designer after getting my BFA in art education and worked for the Des Moines Tribune & Register and The Kansas City Star. I share the sadness and extend my sympathy, but remember with pleasure the encounters I had with Miss McCutcheon and Mr. Sherwood. JOHN R WRIGHTFIELD Liberty, MO jdubya@icloud.com

October 19 at 3:50 PM

DS

**Denise Clark Sheppard** sent a virtual gift in honor of Donna .

Mrs. Sherwood was my 4th grade teacher at Longfellow elementary. She encouraged me and challenged me to be a better student. She truly changed me for the better. I will miss our visits at Wal-Mart. Her questions about my son and her care and concern for us warmed my heart. My sincere condolences go to her husband, family and friends.



October 19 at 2:41 PM

CN

**Carol Neymeyer** sent a virtual gift in honor of Donna .

Donna was my cousin and our friend. She always had a warm hug for us. And an interest in our family. We enjoyed talking about some shared travel adventures, especially London. She will be missed! Our love to you Tom. Cal & Carol Neymeyer



October 19 at 12:16 PM

BW

**Barb Walters** posted:

I had Mrs. Sherwood for 4th grade at Longfellow, she was Miss McCutcheon then. She was a beautiful person, inside and out. She was so encouraging and fun. Then I had Mr. Sherwood for art at WJHS, and he was hilarious. I can only imagine their travels together! My sincere sympathies to her family. Rest in peace, Mrs. Sherwood. Barb Walters, CHS '65

October 19 at 11:29 AM



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**Marlys D Dreier** lit a candle in honor of Donna .



October 19 at 5:57 AM



**Gary And Jeanne Herrity** posted:

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Donna Sherwood. She was always a joy to meet and converse with. Donna had such a warm and pleasant way that spread sunshine over us all. Her years of service as a teacher will never be forgotten. We can all be proud to have known Donna and to have basked in her great example.

October 19 at 4:44 AM



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DD

**Dennis Duerling** lit a candle in honor of Donna .



October 18 at 8:59 AM

DD

**Diane Gerber Dierks** October 27 at 4:44 PM

Mr Sherrod I am so sorry for the loss of your wife,. She was a amazing woman. I really enjoyed ta,king to both of you at Medical Associates . You could see the Love between the two of you.. You are in my prayers GOD BLESS YOU..Diane Gerber Dierks

HD

**Helen Gonzales (Dunmore)** October 21 at 4:31 PM

Mr. Sherwood - I never had the opportunity to meet your wife, but you always spoke so highly of her. You were my favorite teacher, hands down, in junior high school. You gave me confidence and encouragement. I'm so very sorry for your loss.

CA

**Cathie Adkins** October 20 at 4:35 AM

Tom, I was so sad to read that Donna had passed. She was a beautiful, charming, and caring woman - a perfect match for my favorite art teacher. Chance meetings with you two would always light up my day! Gary and I want you to know we are thinking of you and sending our prayers. A huge hug will be delivered the next time I see you.Cathie and Gary Adkins

LP

**Lou (Coulter) Parker** October 19 at 6:45 PM

I was so sorry to hear of your great loss; Donna was a friendly, caring person and I always enjoyed talking to both of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

SD

**Stan & Kay Dierks** October 19 at 9:20 AM

We were very saddened when we read of your loss. I know that you will miss her, but find comfort in all of your happy memories. If there is anything that either Stan or I can do for you, please let us know.

MD

**Marlys D Dreier** October 19 at 5:55 AM

Tom, my brother Delaus and sister-in-law Julie Zenk made me aware of your loss of Donna. The two of you were such an inspiration of what the love and caring was about. Sorry that I had not been able to meet up with you both over the last few years but have many beautiful memories of you both. She always had such a warm and loving smile and a way of expressing her need to know how others were doing! Our family has always loved you both as I am sure the Lord has always done and will give you both comfort in different ways. May you know she is resting in peace!

SJ

**Susan Jessen** October 19 at 12:34 AM

Mrs. Sherwood was my fourth grade teacher at Longfellow Elementary fifty years ago-- to this day, I remember her as a warm, caring person and great instructor. May her loved ones find comfort in the knowledge she is resting in the loving arms of God...



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**Dennis Duerling** October 18 at 9:04 AM

Dear Tom, I am very saddened to hear of Donna's passing. I did not know that the love of your life was ill. I know you two were inseparable and always giving strength to one another. Now she'll have heavenly inspiration to keep you going. She always greeted me with a huge smile and always wanted to know how I was doing and how my family was. I will miss her earthly smile but will have it forever in my mind as fond memories of her. Sincerely, Dennis Duerling



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Donna by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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