

Donna Van Sickle – Diploma 1960 Bismarck Hospital School of Nursing

Donna L. Van Sickle, 77, of Roseville MN died January 26, 2017. She was born on February 8, 1939 in Linton, North Dakota to Adolph and Alvena Kist.

She grew up in Hazelton, ND and graduated from Hazelton HS in 1956. She began attending Bismarck School of Nursing after attending Sioux Falls College for one year. Donna met her future husband Royce while working at the State Hospital in Fergus Falls, MN. Royce and Donna were married in Hazelton on June 1, 1960. During their first years of marriage both Royce and Donna worked to complete their degrees while living in Moorhead, MN and Aberdeen, SD. Job opportunities over the next several years took them to Rothsay, MN; Wahpeton, ND; New York Mills, MN; and finally to Fargo, ND where they lived for 20+ years. Throughout her career Donna worked as an RN and always in a supervisory role. Donna worked at Dakota Hospital in Fargo for over 20 years.

Donna's final management role was as Director of Nursing at the Aw-Gwah-Ching Center, a state-run psychiatric facility located in Walker, MN. Donna will be remembered for her women's work with the MN Baptist Conference, her love of purple anything, yard work and gardening, and being a "grandma" to any infant within 50 yards. Donna loved to combine her nursing skills with serving people. She made two trips to South Africa serving with medical teams from Fargo and Walker.

Her husband, Royce, went home to be with the Lord on September 22, 2001. Prior to his death, Royce and Donna enjoyed life together in their home on Kabekona Bay of Leech Lake. They spent many days exploring the big lake on their pontoon, sometimes getting caught in a sudden thunderstorm miles from home. Donna was always active in music ministry in the church's she and Royce attended. In May of 2002 Donna moved to the Twin Cities. While in the Twin Cities Donna attended Woodland Hills Church and served often in the nursery there. Donna celebrated her 70th birthday by jumping out of a perfectly good airplane with her grandson, Christopher. Donna also combined her love of infants and toddlers with her nursing skills working for several years for Option Care administering RSV shots for prematurely born infants. Donna moved into an assisted living facility in Roseville in February 2015 where she lived until her death.

She is survived by two sons, Steve (Mary) of Arden Hills and Eric (Jane) of Granite Falls; her brother Jack (Janet) of West Fargo; brother-in-law, Eldon (Darlene) Beastron of Bismarck; eight grandchildren, Chris (Erin) Van Sickle, Katie (Josh) Treptau, Tori Van Sickle, Hannah Van Sickle, Logan Van Sickle, Sophie Van Sickle, Gabi Van Sickle, Chloe Van Sickle; and many beloved in-laws and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Adolph and Alvena, her husband Royce, and sister Darlene.

Memorials may be made out to Woodland Hills Church which will be given to their missions ministry. Memorial service is scheduled for Friday, February 3, 2017 at 11am. Visitation at 10am with lunch to follow service. Woodland Hills Church, 1701 Van Dyke Street, in Maplewood, MN. Burial of ashes will be with Royce in Linton ND later this spring.