

# Donna Lee Sick



Graveside Service will be Thursday August 14, 2025 at 2:00 PM at Minden Cemetery in Minden, IA.

Donna Sick died,  
August 11, 2025, at 6:55am at Hansen House in Council Bluffs, IA. Donna was  
born in Iowa City, Iowa to Jack W. Gardner and Dorothy Roeding Carey on  
December 5, 1948. She was adopted at 4 years old by William and Ruby Sorensen.  
They lived on a farm near Anita, IA. She graduated from Anita High School in  
1968. She was united in marriage on November 18, 1968, to Alfred Sick Jr and to  
this union 3 children were born, William, Jack, and Rebecca.

Donna and Alfred  
first lived in Colorado Springs, CO so that Alfred could finish his service in  
the Army following Vietnam. They then lived in Wiota, IA for a time, finally  
settling in Atlantic, IA for around 17 years. A few years

lived in Council  
Bluffs, IA and when it came time for her mother Ruby to stay  
with them full  
time they moved to Magnolia, IA in 1989.

For many years,  
Donna was a homemaker. She worked for Commercial Optical in  
Omaha, Midlands  
living Center in Council Bluffs, Good Shepherd Home and  
Crowell Home, in Blair,  
NE.

Donna loved going  
to garage sales, laughing with her lifelong best friend,  
Phyllis Frisbee  
Pierce. Donna enjoyed watching her favorite soap opera for  
many years. Donna  
also loved her animals and had many, many dogs and cats  
throughout her life. As  
a child growing up on a farm, she even had a cow that would  
follow her around.

At 19, she  
reunited with her birth father Jack W. Gardner. They had many  
happy years as  
Father and Daughter.

Donna was  
preceded in death by her husband Alfred Sick Jr. of 43 years,  
her birth father  
Jack W. Gardner, her birth mother Dorothy Roeding Carey, her  
adopted parents  
William and Ruby Sorensen, and her lifelong best friend,

Phyllis Frisbie

Pierce. Brother in laws; Melvin Sick and Edwin Sick. Nephew  
Brion Sick. Sister  
in laws; Patsy Sick, Jean Sick, and Maxine Sick. Half-sisters;  
Sandy K Carey,  
Kathy Carey, and Dixie Carey.

Donna is survived

by her children; William Sick, wife Maria, & grandson Michael  
of Blair, NE.

Son Jack of Magnolia, who cared for his mom and dad. Her  
daughter Rebecca

Cates, husband Jamen, & grandsons Damen and Drake of Magnolia,  
IA. Sister

Vikki Vega of Cedar Rapids, IA. Nephew Trevor Vega, and niece  
Tammy Vega. Brother-in-law

Will Sick of Shelby, IA. Nephew Wade Sick, wife Brandy of  
Creston, IA. Niece

Tammy Trebesh, husband Steve. Nephew David Sick, wife Lisa.  
She is also

survived by half siblings, Eva Carey, James Carey, Victor  
Carey, and Brien

Carey of Illinois. Many nieces and nephews as well as great  
nieces and great  
nephews.