



## Donna L. Biddle

December 19, 1963 - September 7, 2023

Donna Biddle, 59, of Kearney, Nebraska, passed away on Sept. 7 at her home. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023 at St. James Catholic Church with the Rev. Paul Colling officiating. Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023 at the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Abie, Nebraska. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 11, 2023 at the church followed by a 7:00 p.m. Vigil Prayer Service. The service can also be viewed only at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xRp7FcF1H4>

Donna was born Dec. 19, 1963, to Ruth and Clair Biddle in Butler, PA, the youngest of seven children.

She graduated in 1981 from Butler Area High School and went on to get her Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1985. She was a reporter for The Examiner in Independence, Missouri, and the Journal-Star in Lincoln, Nebraska, before working as a communications specialist for Lincoln Telephone and as a writer for The Write Place in Pella, Iowa. She finished her career working as a proofreader, writer and editor for SCORR Marketing in Kearney, retiring in January 2000, when she was diagnosed with cancer.

Donna married Steve Benesch on Oct 1st, 1994. They had two children together, Krista and Marcus. Donna loved gardening, reading books, and bike

riding. She always knew how to make meals special, particularly holiday meals. Whether it was potato dumplings and corn casserole at Thanksgiving, seafood linguine on Christmas Eve, or pecan pancakes on Christmas morning, her family always knew they were in for a feast. She loved attending her children's events; voice recitals, operas, and many sporting events were her pride and joy.

Her survivors include her husband, Steve, of Kearney; daughter, Krista, of Dallas, Texas; and son, Marcus, of Omaha; siblings, Dorothy (Don) Wallace of Slippery Rock, PA, Janet Hancock of Butler, PA, Ed (Barb) Biddle of West Sunbury, PA, Pauline (John) Lee of Marietta, OH, Marilyn (Andy) Clarke of Taylors, SC, and Jim (Terri) Biddle of Hanover, PA; mother- and father-in-law, Fred and Henrietta Benesch of Octavia, NE; sisters-in-law, Theresa Lease of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mary Ellen (Merlyn) Haight of Sutton, NE; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Memorials are suggested to Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Vigil / Prayer Service

SEP 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Funeral Mass

SEP 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Interment

SEP 13. 11:00 AM.

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery  
Abie, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Donna Biddle Funeral Mass in memory of Donna L. Biddle*



**O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations** - September 11, 2023 at 04:55 PM

MW

“ *Dear Steve, Krista, and Marcus,  
We remember getting together with you when you lived in Pella.  
Donna was a beautiful person inside and out. We are sorry for your  
loss, and can only imagine the lovely memories you have as a  
family.  
Prayers to all of you,  
Dave, Mary, Tricia, and Klaire Wisniewski*

**Mary Wisniewski** - September 13, 2023 at 05:38 PM

GK

“ *A beautiful service! God's peace be with you.*

*Galen and Sharon Kuska*



**Galen Kuska and Sharon Kuska** - September 12, 2023 at 12:38 PM

CY

“ Donna was a dear and beloved friend since college. We shared many fun moments and always had each other's backs. She was lucky to find the true love of her life in Steve and her greatest joy was in raising Krista and Marcus. Donna lived a life of loving and caring for her family. She faced her battle with cancer and approaching death with courage and faith.

Carla Y.

St.Louis, MO

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Carla Yungermann - September 12, 2023 at 07:27 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna L. Biddle.



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September 11, 2023 at 03:25 PM

KW

“ So sorry to hear the passing of Donna. We met Donna a few times over the past years and found her to be a very nice lady. Working with and knowing Steve that Donna had fought a courageous battle. She will be solely missed.

Kim & Sue Wright

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Kim D. Wright - September 11, 2023 at 09:20 AM

EK

Steve, Krista & Marcus  
Our deepest condolences to you and family Peace and Prayers 🙏

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Ed & Reva Keel - September 11, 2023 at 01:07 PM

JP

*Steve and family, We were so sorry of your lose. Our deepest Sympathy. May God help you and we pray for your family. Joe and you were such good friends. God Bless you.*

*Joe & Chris  
Joe & Arlene*

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**Joseph Proskovec** - September 14, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donna L. Biddle.*



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September 10, 2023 at 05:41 PM

KT

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

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**karen towers** - September 09, 2023 at 10:20 PM

DG

“ *Steve, so sorry for your loss. You're in our thoughts and prayers.  
Doug and Shirley Gruntorad*

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**Doug and Shirley Gruntorad** - September 09, 2023 at 08:50 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna L. Biddle.*



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September 09, 2023 at 09:45 AM