



## Donna Jean Vidak

April 29, 1936 - January 27, 2024

Donna Jean Vidak, 87, passed away on January 27, 2024 in Visalia, Ca.

Donna was born April 29, 1936 in Kansas. Her parents were Jon Frey and Hazel Klassen Frey. Sister, Barbara joined the family in 1941.

Donna joined the Methodist Church in her youth and was loving and steadfast in her faith throughout her life.

After graduating Valedictorian from Oroshi High, she continued to College of the Sequoias for her AA and Fresno State for her BA in Music and Education. Teaching at Oroshi and Visalia schools was combined with sharing her passion for piano with her private students. She was also a percussionist for the Tulare County Symphony Orchestra.

In high school, she met her future husband, Mitchell Vidak Jr. They began their 60-year marriage November 29, 1959. Their beloved daughter Cynthia Lynn was born in 1962.

Donna will be missed. She will always be remembered for her devotion to her family and friends by her smile, thoughtfulness and her love of the piano. She also enjoyed traveling, reading, Bunko and the Red Hat Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mitchell in 2019 and daughter, Cindy in 2000.

She is survived by Cindy's husband, Bradd Haley, sister Barbara Collin and her husband Gus, brother in law Jim Vidak and his wife Bobbie and many loving nieces and nephews (great and great-great) and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at [cff.org](http://cff.org).

Graveside services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, February 15th, 2024 at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Jean Vidak*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - February 14, 2024 at 01:38 PM

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“ *Donna was a wonderful and kind person. I first met her a Linwood school. We had lost of fun playing bunch. She was kind smart and lots of fun. I was blessed to have known her. I will miss her.*

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**Tedi Cocagne** - February 04, 2024 at 06:14 PM

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“ *Donna Vidak was, without exception, one of the most influential people in my life. Once a week for ten years I met with her as she patiently guided me through piano lessons. More importantly, we developed a lasting friendship even though we rarely saw one another. I was the lucky one as her kindness, support and obvious love for me has stayed with me. Rest in peace, my teacher and friend. Laurie Menendian*

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**Laurie Menendian** - February 03, 2024 at 12:53 PM