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Donna Wright, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on February 24, 2026, at the age of 88.

Donna was born on September 19, 1937, in Deer Lodge, Montana, and was raised in Billings, Montana, where she attended Catholic school and developed the strong faith that guided her throughout her life. She went on to attend the University of Montana, graduating with a degree in liberal arts. It was there that she met the love of her life, her soulmate and best friend, Don Wright. They were married on October 29, 1960, beginning a remarkable 65-year journey filled with adventure, hard work, devotion, and deep love.

Together, Don and Donna built a beautiful life centered on family. They raised three children - Cathy (Dave), Brian (Kristen), and Shari (Adrian)-instilling in them strong values, resilience, and unconditional love. Their children remain deeply grateful for the foundation and example their mother provided.

Donna cherished her role as a grandmother. She is lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Rachel and Mitchell (Brian), Sydney and Eric (Shari), and Andrew, Corry, and Lizzie (Cathy). Each held a special place in her heart and

brought her great pride and joy.

In 1970, Don and Donna took a leap of faith and moved to Visalia, California, where they opened their own card and gift business. Through determination, long hours, and true partnership, they built a thriving enterprise. In 1984, they opened Wright's Hallmark, which became a beloved and respected Visalia tradition. They worked side by side for 47 successful years before retiring-true partners in both business and life.

Donna treasured her many friendships. She enjoyed lively games of bridge, a nice glass of white wine, and meaningful conversations. Her faith was central to who she was; she faithfully attended church each week and drew strength and comfort from her belief.

Donna will be deeply missed by her loving husband Don, her three children, her seven grandchildren, extended family and the many friends and community members whose lives she touched.

A Funeral Mass celebrating Donna's life will be held on March 10th at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Visalia, California.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAR 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
608 N. Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Marie Wright*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - March 09 at 11:59 AM

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“ *Mobile Webcast of the Mass Service at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Tuesday March 10th at 9:30am.*

<https://www.viewlogies.net/salser-and-dillard/pDjjAAjBK?pin=175981>

Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapels - March 03 at 05:55 PM

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“ *Life well lived with faith, family, love and joy. I remember her smile and laughter when she came to Montana and we discussed books we had both read and enjoyed. The Campbell's hearts are with you all through this time of loss.*

Carol Campbell - March 10 at 12:48 PM

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“ *from Larry, Mar Mar and Matt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Marie Wright.*

from Larry, Mar Mar and Matt - March 09 at 01:26 PM

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“ *from Larry, Mar Mar and Matt purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Donna Marie Wright.*



from Larry, Mar Mar and Matt - March 09 at 01:26 PM

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“ *Sad to hear of Donna's passing. I worked for the Wrights at the hallmark shop in the late 80s. I remember Mrs Wright as being very kind and caring to staff and customers. I learned a lot from her about customer service and how to wrap a gift like a pro!!! Prayers of comfort to Mr Wright and the family. Carron Clawson Kuns.*

carron kuns - March 06 at 04:50 PM