



Donna Lee Brandon

September 25, 1930 - March 2, 2026

Donna Lee Brandon, 95, of Chanute, Kansas passed away on Monday, March 2, 2026

at Credo Senior Living. Donna was born on September 25, 1930 in Yates Center, Kansas, the daughter of Oliver and Jaunita Sturdivan.

Donna moved to Chanute as a teenager and graduated from Chanute High School in 1948. She later married Kenneth Ray Childers on June 10, 1950. Donna worked alongside him at their restaurant The Busy Bee while raising their four children (Mark, Marsha, Kim, and Karen). Kenneth died in 1977.

Donna began working for the City of Chanute Utilities Department where she met and later married Spencer Brandon in 1982. Donna and Spencer enjoyed spending time at Grand Lake where they eventually moved for several years before returning to Chanute. Spencer passed away in 2019.

Donna was very involved in her church and community. She was a member of the Otterbein Community Church for over 70 years where she happily contributed her time and energy to many ministries. Donna was on the board of the Chanute Recreation Commission for over two decades. Her love for music led to her involvement in the St. Cecilia's music club and Jubilee Singers. Spending time with her family, however, was her greatest joy.

Donna leaves behind a loving family who will cherish her memory, including her sons Mark (Susan) Childers, Chanute, and Kim (Kim) Childers, Olathe; her daughters Marsha (Tom) Bryon, Leawood, Karen (Phillip) Stich, Chanute, Tammy Schillings, Tulsa, and daughter-in-law Tammi Brandon. Donna is also survived by her brother Joe (Marilyn) Ingle and brother-in-law Dean (Andrea) Brandon. She also leaves behind many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents Oliver and Jaunita, and her stepfather Raymond Ingle; husband Kenneth Childers and husband Spencer Brandon; sister Margie Pennell and brothers Ronald Sturdivan, Don Ingle, and Gary Ingle; sons Tim Brandon, Todd Brandon, and son-in-law Pat Schillings; great grandson Ty Ingels.

Her funeral and visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at Otterbein Community Church, 631 W. Seventh St., Chanute, KS. Visitation is at 10 am with the funeral following at 11 am. Burial at Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Chanute USD 413 Foundation. Memorial contributions may be left with or mailed to Countryside Funeral Home, 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Otterbein Community Church of Chanute
631 W. 7th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ Dear Marsha & Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You are so lucky you had her for so long in your lives. Cherish all the great memories. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Joanie & Tim Clair

Joanie - March 11 at 07:51 PM

SC

“ Dear Marsha and family,
It's always hard to lose our parents. Her beautiful obituary shares that she had a good, long life. Our deepest sympathy on this journey. Sara and Joe Candelario

Sara Candelario - March 11 at 01:57 PM

RK

“ Donna will always hold a place in my heart. Many fond memories as an accompanist for her and more importantly a good friend. She was a positive influence to me and many others. I miss her greatly. Condolences to all. Ruth Knapp

Ruth Knapp - March 10 at 02:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Countryside Funeral Home - March 09 at 10:53 AM

DK

“ Many fond memories of Donna as a leader in the church



david kimble - March 06 at 01:34 PM

SS

“ We are so sorry to hear about Donna's passing. We have so many memories growing up with the family in Chanute (church, school, sports, and the Busy Bee 🐝). My mom, Jean, and Donna were good friends for many years and lived together at Credo for awhile. Donna will be dearly missed. Our deepest sympathy to Mark, Marsha, Kim, Karen, and all of Donna's family and friends. God's peace.



Steve and Retta Seger

Steve Seger - March 05 at 08:59 AM

BK

“ Barb/Tony Kline send our condolences to the family



Barb & Tony Kline - March 05 at 12:43 AM

FD

“ F &N Defenbaugh lit a candle in memory of Donna Brandon



F &N Defenbaugh - March 04 at 03:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Lee Brandon.



March 04 at 12:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donna Lee Brandon.

March 04 at 12:45 PM

JM

“ Jerry and Ann McDowell purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donna Lee Brandon.



Jerry and Ann McDowell - March 03 at 09:46 PM

LB

“ *Larry Beck lit a candle in memory of Donna Brandon*



Larry Beck - March 03 at 06:03 PM

TF

“ *The Gary & Terri May family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donna Lee Brandon.*



The Gary & Terri May family - March 03 at 01:29 PM

EW

“ *Elinor Whaley lit a candle in memory of Donna Brandon*



Elinor Whaley - March 03 at 11:02 AM

MW

“ *Mike Washburn lit a candle in memory of Donna Brandon*



Mike Washburn - March 02 at 11:52 PM

KS

Thank you Mike

Karen Stich - March 03 at 04:37 PM

SA

“ *Donna was a very sweet lady. Met her on the softball field years ago. Was also a neighbor in earlier years of knowing her. She will be greatly missed*

sue alford - March 02 at 06:02 PM