

# Remembrance

## Donna M. Leonard

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March 22, 1931 -  
December 24, 2020



### **PERSIA** - Donna M. (Pitts)

Leonard was born at home in Persia, IA to James Oliver and Edna (Rosenbeck) Pitts on March 22, 1931. She went to Valley View Country School near Persia up until high school, then to Persia High School graduating with the class of 1949. Following high school, Donna went to Commercial Extension Business College.

On March 2, 1952, Donna married Albert Leonard in Council Bluffs, IA. They gave birth to one son, David.

Donna spent most of her life as a farmer's wife, but prior to working as a homemaker, she did office work in Omaha and was a receptionist for Neola Medical Clinic. She retired after the fall harvest in 1990. Donna enjoyed gardening, caring for her flowers and plants, and crafts. She also enjoyed baking. Her joy in life though was her family whom she loved dearly.

On Thursday, December 24, 2020, Donna passed away at her home in Persia surrounded by her loving family. At the time of her death, she had attained the age of eighty-nine years, nine months, and two days. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Albert, and her brother Ronald. Those left to cherish her memory include her son David Leonard and his wife Laura of Persia; three grandchildren and four great grandchildren; sisters Doris Davis of Neosho, MO; Opal (Elvin) Gilliland of Gibbon, NE; and Bonnie Hildreth of Hollywood, FL; sister-in-law Betty Pitts of Persia; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A 2:00 PM Funeral Service was officiated by Pastor Brian Wohlhuter on Monday, December 28, 2020 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan, IA. Andrew Oloff, Mark Carrigan, Darrin Shriver, Rick Olsen, Steve Stamp, and Duane McDonald served as casket bearers. Interment was held at Valley View Cemetery in Persia.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge in the arrangements.

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