



## Donna Belle French

July 22, 1929 - August 25, 2021

Donna Belle French, 92, of North Manchester and formerly of rural Silver Lake passed at 7:25 am, Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at Timbercrest Senior Living Community of North Manchester.

Donna was born on July 22, 1929 in Kosciusko County, Indiana to the late Harmon O. and Ethel F. (Landis) Bucher. On May 10, 1947, in the Silver Creek Church of God, Silver Lake, she married Richard E. French, who preceded her in death on July 26, 2012.

She was a 1947 graduate of Burket High School. Donna had worked for General Tire, The Akron-Mentone News, as a secretary for Manchester College, and was a cook at Akron School. She raised her family near her childhood home. She lived in the same home for 69 years, before moving to Timbercrest.

Donna was an active member of the Silver Creek Church of God and had attended the Akron Church of God in years past. She was a member of the National Conference of Churches of God and the Gideons Women's Auxiliary. She was very talented. She was a pianist, organist, song leader as well as performing skits that she, and others, had written. She was known as a collector of owls. She and her husband wintered in Florida, where they made many friends. She enjoyed spending time with her christian friends and

shared her faith all of her life. She lived her life and loved the Lord in everything that she did.

She is survived by a daughter, Suzanne and husband Mark Holt, Sweetser; two sons, Joseph and wife Sara French, Nappanee, and David and wife Marlyn French, Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Melissa Klotz, Cherie Dupor, Amanda Manley, Derek French, Amanda Thompson, Ashley Holt, Allison Nelson and Alexis Holt; great-grandchildren, Brady, Natalie, Tyler, Sydney, Merin, Sava, Draza, Ninah, Adah, Grayson, Ellie, Oakleigh, Bear, Hannah, and Mackenlee.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, brothers Gerald L., Earl D., Robert H., and Charles Edward Bucher, and a sister Mildred E. Clinker.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, a private funeral service will take place at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 W. Rochester Street Akron, Indiana. A link to the funeral service will be available on the funeral home website on Monday, Aug. 30, 2021 after 6:30 pm.

Burial will take place following the service in the Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake next to her husband.

Donations can be made in Donna's memory to the Silver Creek Church of God.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the staff at Timbercrest Senior Living Community.

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# Cemetery Details

## Silver Creek Cemetery

6504 West 1300 South  
Silver Lake, IN 46982

# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Belle French



Hartzler Funeral Services - August 30, 2021 at 06:46 PM

MF

“ I have no words except to say how lucky I was to know her and be loved by her...she was an amazing soul and will be missed greatly...see you again one day!



Michelle Yeager Foust - August 30, 2021 at 09:45 PM

RT

“ So many wonderful memories, I will miss my dear friend and neighbor. God bless you

Rozella Tinkey - August 30, 2021 at 03:09 PM

RT

“ Rozella Tinkey lit a candle in memory of Donna Belle French



Rozella Tinkey - August 30, 2021 at 03:08 PM

JY

“ Donna was very good friend to me we shared several good times together. I always remember her. We laughed and cried together. Shared Gods love. Janice

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**Janice Yeager** - August 30, 2021 at 09:49 AM

MO

“ I loved Aunt Donna and admired her so much as I was growing up. She was beautiful inside and outside. She was a true witness for her faith in Jesus Christ as her Saviour. I loved to hear her sing and play the piano. When I moved back to IN for awhile, I would drive her to the Red Hat luncheons. What fun to be with these ladies in red hats!! Great memories with a wonderful lady.

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**Mary Olson** - August 29, 2021 at 03:51 PM

DV

“ Wonderful memories of Aunt Donna and family times are for each of us to cherish. Our greatest gift of all is her Love of Jesus Christ. Diane Valentine

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**Darrell & DIANE Valentine** - August 28, 2021 at 06:04 PM

RC

“ From the times she pulled me in my little red wagon to the fun times when we took her to WalMart in recent years, Aunt Donna had the gift of making me feel special, loved, and important. Although not always heeded at the time, I realize her advice was right on. No one could have been a more loving Christian example in word and deed.

*Rex Clinker*

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**Rex Clinker** - August 27, 2021 at 04:29 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Belle French.*



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August 27, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Belle French.*



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August 27, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *Visiting our beloved Aunt Donna was always a highlight of our trips to Indiana. She had a gift for making everyone feel welcome, for making them feel that they were the center of the universe. She was always quick with a joke as she regaled us with stories of trips with my parents Ed and Vaudene over the years. We seldom escaped our visits without tupperware full of goodies, and even fuller hearts. The world is a little dimmer and heaven a little brighter today. May her memory be a blessing to us all.*  
*Ron and Valerie French*

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**Ron French** - August 26, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donna Belle French.*



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August 26, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ *Memories of Aunt Donna are precious and a big part of my childhood. From allowing me to use her roller skates to unsteadily go in circles on Grandma and Grandpa's kitchen floor to watching her get ready for a date with Richard, the love of her life, she was beautiful inside and out. She knew what to say or write to give encouragement that touched your heart and she never stopped praising God. It's been a blessing to have this gracious, honorable, christian woman as my beloved aunt.*



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**Myra Wade** - August 26, 2021 at 07:27 PM



*Aunt Donna was beautiful inside and out. She had a wonderful way of adding humor in difficult situations. I loved hearing her sing and play the piano at Silver Creek. She was a strong witness to all of her faith in Jesus Christ as her Saviour. I love her dearly.*

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**Mary Olson** - August 26, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Belle French.*



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August 26, 2021 at 04:33 PM

JW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Donna's passing. She was a talented and lovely lady, and she will be missed, but we know she is safe in heaven with her Savior and Lord Jesus. You all have my sympathy and prayers. Jane Walters.

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**Jane Walters** - August 26, 2021 at 11:57 AM

GB

“ Living close by and going to school with Richard and Donnas children for a short period of my life they showed great respect and love for the Lord. Will always remember the good times!

Gary Bucher

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**Gary Bucher** - August 26, 2021 at 10:55 AM

TA

“ I'm so sad to hear of Aunt Donna's passing. She was such a sweet, sweet lady. She taught me much about how to live humbly for the Lord. Her faith was unwavering, her joy unending, and her love for the Lord and others was without reservation.

Theresa (French) Allison

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**Theresa Allison** - August 25, 2021 at 10:15 PM

RB

“ I have always loved your Mother such a wonderful friend and neighbor❤️ Her love for the Lord was always there for people to witness and her love and compassion for people were always shining brightly!!! Until we meet again Rest In Peace my friend 🙏🙏



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**Ruby Bowers** - August 25, 2021 at 08:05 PM

DS

“ Donna took me with her to a women’s event at which she spoke. She was inspiring and hilarious! On the way home she asked me to drive...right through Chicago! We prayed our way through. She loved and shared Jesus beautifully. Our love to the family.

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**Diane Samuels** - August 25, 2021 at 07:20 PM

JB

“ Jim Bucher lit a candle in memory of Donna Belle French



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**jim bucher** - August 25, 2021 at 06:35 PM

JK

“ Joyce Krieger lit a candle in memory of Donna Belle French



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**joyce Krieger** - August 25, 2021 at 05:32 PM

MS

“ I will miss you sweet Donna Belle, your were a very special friend who was always a very positive and caring sweet person, till we meet again some day, Rest in Peace



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**mary Saner** - August 25, 2021 at 04:36 PM

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“ *Ron And Pat (Holloway)Jones lit a candle in memory of Donna Belle French*



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**Ron and Pat (Holloway)Jones** - August 25, 2021 at 04:13 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Donna Belle French*



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**Jim and Shirley Bickel** - August 25, 2021 at 03:11 PM