



Donna Mincks

November 13, 1928 - June 5, 2026

Donna Jane Mincks, 97, of Cedar Falls, died on Friday, June 5, 2026, at Western Home Communities, Nation Cottage.

She was born on November 13, 1928, in Grundy County, near Conrad, Iowa, the daughter of Ralph and Clara (Whitmire) Fink. She attended Conrad Consolidated School and graduated in 1946. She graduated from Iowa State Teachers College (UNI) with a B.A. in elementary school teaching. Donna taught in the Eldora and Cedar Falls public schools for 10 years, where she loved teaching second and third graders.

She married William Mincks on June 16, 1951, at the Alice Church of God near Conrad. They lived their entire 72 years in Cedar Falls. Donna was a member of the Cedar Falls Methodist Church for almost 70 years, where she taught Sunday School and was a member of U.M.W. She also belonged to the Cedar Falls Woman's Club and was a past president for the Nineteenth Century Club.

Both Bill and Donna enjoyed being with their families, as well as spending time at their McGregor cabin, where Bill liked to fish. Their pet dogs were very special to them, especially Ralphie.

She will be missed by her two daughters, Jane (Brian) Turner of Clive, Iowa,

and Susan Pitcher of Leavenworth, Kansas; two grandchildren, Andrew (Jordan) Turner of Ankeny, Iowa and Laura (Nathan) Graves of Gilbert, Iowa; and five great-grandchildren, Scottie Graves, Emma Turner, Isabelle Graves, Ellie Turner and Gable Graves; and niece, Kendra Kleespie of Elma.

She was preceded in death by her husband and love of her life, Bill; and sisters, Helen Kleespie and Dorothy Callaway.

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 15, 2026, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls with visitation one hour prior. Burial at the Alice Church of God Cemetery near Conrad.

Memorials may be made to Cedar Valley Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ Donna was my second grade teacher at Cedar Heights in the 50's. Always a favorite, one of those teachers you never forget!

Claudia Hovden - June 23 at 10:03 PM

MS

“ Michael S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Mincks.

Michael S. - June 16 at 09:33 PM

RS

“ Rhonda & Robin Shuman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Mincks.

Rhonda & Robin Shuman - June 13 at 05:20 PM

RS

“ Rhonda & Robin Shuman purchased the Garden Accent - "My Mother kept a garden..." for the family of Donna Mincks.



Rhonda & Robin Shuman - June 13 at 05:20 PM

RW

“ Rob & JoAnne Mauritz, Stu & Deb Walker purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donna Mincks.



Rob & JoAnne Mauritz, Stu & Deb Walker - June 12 at 04:07 PM

MH

“ Matt Heitmann purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donna Mincks.



Matt Heitmann - June 09 at 01:58 PM

RH

“ Donna is a dear friend who brought SO much joy to Sue and me. Our hearts ache from the void now left.

From the very first week we moved into our home across the street, she and Bill became very close friends. For nearly eight years, our frequent visits with either (or both) of them are among our most precious memories. Watching the world go by as we sat in their driveway, became a restful break from everyday life on Iris Drive.

Whether discussing the latest political news, hearing of her experiences as a teacher or just relaxing in her living room as she held and petted our little Maltese while we talked, there was always interesting conversation. Donna knew what she thought and often said exactly that. I loved that her opinions were stated plainly and without anything held back. We always knew where she stood.

I miss the visits she and I shared when I brought her mail to the front door, and knew she always wanted me to stay for a while and talk. Sometimes she was bold enough to ask me why I hadn't brought our little Heidi with me, so she could feed her treats.

As her eyes became weaker, she asked me to read from a daily devotional book and her Bible, which had become her daily pattern, beforehand. So many 'little things' added up to a treasure trove of memories and blessings!

We thank The Lord for bringing her into our lives!

Rick Heth - June 08 at 04:34 PM