



## Donna Sue Ichord

December 28, 1952 - July 14, 2025

Donna Sue (Knuckles) Ichord was born on December 28, 1952, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to George and Dorothy (Crabtree) Knuckles. She passed away peacefully in Springfield, Missouri, on July 14, 2025.

Donna spent her early years in Chapman, Kansas, where she formed many lifelong friendships. After graduating, she moved with her parents to Houston, Missouri, and began working at Fort Leonard Wood.

As a military spouse, Donna led a life full of adventure and discovery. Her journey took her from hiking the lush landscapes of Panama to exploring the historic cities of Italy, to glass bottom boats in Spain while stationed abroad. She had an unforgettable sweet nature and contagious laugh - often punctuated with a knee slap - and a warm, loving smile that made everyone feel at home.

Donna had a deep love of music, which was a constant companion throughout her life. Whether humming along to her favorite tunes, dancing in the kitchen, or filling her home with the sounds of old records, music brought her joy and comfort and became part of her family's shared memories.

She was also a gifted and passionate crafter - her creativity knew no bounds. From knitting and crochet to cross-stitching, her hands were always busy

creating something beautiful. Donna had a green thumb as well and took great pride in her garden, often sharing photos of her tomatoes and cucumbers with friends and family.

Above all, Donna was devoted to her family. She was a loving mother to three children: Jennifer (Steve) Holden, Ernest "Ernie" (Sonja) Johnson, and Angelica (Austin) Hendrix. Her children were the center of her world, and she loved them fiercely. Through her son Ernie, Donna was blessed with three grandchildren - Audrey (Ryan) Relitz, Meagan Johnson, and Nora Johnson - who brought her immense pride and joy. She was also a proud great-grandmother to Ryker and Avery, who added even more love and laughter to her life.

She is preceded in death by her mother Dorothy Knuckles, Brother Gary Knuckles and son Ernest "Ernie" Johnson.

Donna's legacy of adventure, love, laughter, music, and creativity lives on in the hearts of all who knew and cherished her.

Graveside services are scheduled for 10 am on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Lawn Cemetery

North Hwy 65  
Buffalo, MO 65622

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album Family Memories



Angelica Hendrix - July 18, 2025 at 03:46 PM

DE

“ Denise purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donna Sue Ichord.



Denise - July 18, 2025 at 12:22 PM

DN

“ Dr. and Mrs. Newkirk purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donna Sue Ichord.



Dr. and Mrs. Newkirk - July 17, 2025 at 05:08 PM

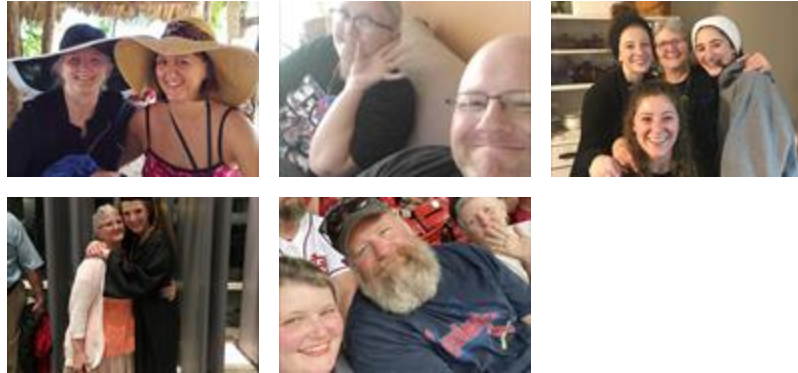
DN

“ Dr. and Mrs. Newkirk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Sue Ichord.

Dr. and Mrs. Newkirk - July 17, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ 14 files added to the album *Family Memories*



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**Angelica Hendrix** - July 17, 2025 at 01:33 PM

WL

“ *Woodlee & Lindsay purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donna Sue Ichord.*



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**Woodlee & Lindsay** - July 16, 2025 at 06:35 PM

TF

“ *The Olive Knuckles Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donna Sue Ichord.*



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**The Olive Knuckles Family** - July 16, 2025 at 11:33 AM

RO

“ Roberto purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Donna Sue Ichord.



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**Roberto** - July 15, 2025 at 10:33 PM

RO

“ Roberto planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Sue Ichord.

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**Roberto** - July 15, 2025 at 10:33 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Sue Ichord.



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July 15, 2025 at 06:29 PM

PA

“ Patsy purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Donna Sue Ichord.



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**Patsy** - July 15, 2025 at 11:33 AM