



Donna Schmelzla

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Donna was born on July 8, 1953, in Portales, New Mexico. She was truly one of a kind. Her mind worked like no one else's. She was sharp, blunt, curious, and could see through anything fake. She asked questions most people never thought to ask.

She spent most of her life in Willcox, Arizona. Whatever came her way, she handled it. She didn't care what others thought was impressive. She had her own standards and lived by them. She challenged the status quo without apology.

Donna was an artist, an inventor, an entrepreneur, a problem solver, and a deeply loving force for those lucky enough to be in her circle. She never stopped learning and always pushed the people she loved to grow into their potential.

She was preceded in death by her father, Stanley Keith Creamer; her mother, Evelyn Joyce Creamer; her husbands, Fred Ellis and Fred Schmelzla; her brother, Tom Creamer; and her sister, Jerri Flaming.

She is survived by her son, Marty Ellis, and his spouse, Adrienne Murray; her granddaughter, Sheridan Ellis; her brothers, Joe Creamer and Bill Creamer; and her niece, Katy Holley, with husband Brannon and son Brent. A Celebration of Life will be held 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 29, 2025, at the Willcox Elks Lodge with food to follow.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **29**. 3:00 PM (MT)

Willcox Elks Lodge 2131
247 E. Stewart St.
Willcox, AZ 85643

Tribute Wall

GO

“ *Ms. Donna you will be missed by many. My Condolences to Marty and Family. Keep up that spunky personality!!* ”



Gladys Olsen - June 28, 2025 at 08:38 PM

KL

“ *I lost a dearest friend as well as a family member this week. Full of life and love. She will be greatly missed.* ”

Kathy Long - June 28, 2025 at 04:51 PM

SA

“ *Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Donna Schmelzla* ”



Susan Arbuthnot - June 28, 2025 at 03:11 PM

SK

“ *SARA M KEESLER lit a candle in memory of Donna Schmelzla* ”



SARA M KEESLER - June 28, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Schmelzla.*



June 27, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ *Jeannie Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna Schmelzla*



Jeannie Johnson - June 26, 2025 at 01:23 AM



“ *LYNN CLECKLER lit a candle in memory of Donna Schmelzla*



LYNN CLECKLER - June 25, 2025 at 11:56 PM



“ *I'm going to miss you Lady! Fly high! Condolences to your fam. Keep the standards up Marty.*



Jennifer Regensberg - June 25, 2025 at 08:47 PM

PJ

“ My deepest sympathy for your family’s loss. Willcox was so blessed by Donna and her many talents. I was grateful for the kindness she showed to my dear husband, Kit and our family. Peggy Judd

Peggy Judd - June 25, 2025 at 04:31 PM

SH

“ Scott & Jeannie Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna Schmelzla



Scott & Jeannie Harris - June 25, 2025 at 12:44 PM

KK

“ Terry did a lot of art work for Donna and alot of farm work for Fred..great people

Kittie Preas Koukalik - June 25, 2025 at 12:29 PM

FG

“ Frank and Susie Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Donna Schmelzla



Frank and Susie Gonzales - June 25, 2025 at 12:12 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Mendez lit a candle in memory of Donna Schmelzla*



Kathy Mendez - June 25, 2025 at 12:32 AM

KM

“ *A wonderful mentor and friend.*

Kathy Mendez - June 25, 2025 at 12:31 AM

KT

“ *Kathy Thatcher lit a candle in memory of Donna Schmelzla*



Kathy Thatcher - June 24, 2025 at 11:52 PM

MP

“ *Mike & Sandi Puchkors lit a candle in memory of Donna Schmelzla*



Mike & Sandi Puchkors - June 24, 2025 at 11:37 PM

GW

“ *Deepest condolences to the family, Rest in peace Donna. You will be missed by so many.*



Gloria and Bill Wood - June 24, 2025 at 11:28 PM

SR

“ *Sharma Reed lit a candle in memory of Donna Schmelzla*



Sharma Reed - June 24, 2025 at 09:54 PM

TM

“ *Trey Moses lit a candle in memory of Donna Schmelzla*



Trey Moses - June 24, 2025 at 02:28 PM

JG

“ *Janna Garcia lit a candle in memory of Donna Schmelzla*



Janna Garcia - June 24, 2025 at 11:49 AM

MD

“ *Martie L Doke lit a candle in memory of Donna Schmelzla*



Martie L Doke - June 24, 2025 at 11:36 AM

ES

“ *Edna Scott lit a candle in memory of Donna Schmelzla*



Edna Scott - June 23, 2025 at 10:57 PM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Donna Schmelzla*



Betsy Ajeman - June 23, 2025 at 09:55 PM

JI

“ *All of our deepest heart felt sympathies in your loss*

Jim and Kathy Cook

James B Cook II - June 23, 2025 at 09:04 PM