



Donna Lou Dellinger

May 20, 1937 - August 10, 2026

Donna Lou Dellinger, passed away on Monday, August 10, 2026, Donna was born on May 20, 1937, to Ormand and Helen (Sterling) Sanborn in Caney, Kansas. Her family moved to Howard, KS when she was a young child, however while Ormand was in the Army during World War II, her and her mother returned to Caney, where she attended elementary school during his tenure in the Army. Upon his return, they returned to Howard where she graduated from Howard High School in 1955. During her High School, she worked at the local grocery store and assisted in daycare.

On April 2, 1955, Donna married Walter "Jerry" Dellinger at her parents home in Howard. After Jerry was employed at Cessna Aircraft they relocated to Wichita and later to Haysville, KS. They relocated to Haysville for their sons to attend Haysville Schools. Throughout their sons education she was actively involved in school activities and serving as Treasurer of the PTA for multiple years. Donna was always available to assist her family in every way possible.

Donna and Jerry enjoyed attending many western dances, seeing country performers, enjoyed family fishing trips and water skiing at numerous lakes throughout Oklahoma and their cabin at Fall River Lake. Throughout the years Donna assisted with the efforts on the farm: including planting and harvesting. Additionally, Donna assisted in sorting and identifying/matching cattle/calves. After retiring and returning to Howard, she grew to enjoy the quieter pace of

life in the country.

Donna is survived by her husband Jerry, sons Ron Dellinger and fiancé Lori Hunt of Howard, KS and Phil and wife Debbie of Clearfield, PA. Grandchildren Lewis "Cap" Caplan and Autumn and husband Charles Drake, 8 Great Grandchildren and 7 Great-Great Grandchildren.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents and Grandson Joel.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 12:00 pm with visitation 1 hour prior to service time at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, with burial to follow at Grace Lawn Cemetery. Memorials in her memory have been suggested to either: The Dellinger Museum, or the Howard Senior Center and or Good Shepherd Hospice and can be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington, P.O. Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

Cemetery Details

Grace Lawn Cemetery

Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Johnny and Mary LeSesne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Lou Dellinger.

Johnny and Mary LeSesne - August 13 at 05:45 PM

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Johnny & Mary
The tree planted in our mother's honor is a beautiful tribute to her life. A part of her spirit will continue to grow in nature and bring us great peace. Thank you for the living remembrance!

Philip Dellinger - August 13 at 11:42 PM

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“ Johnny and Mary LeSesne purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donna Lou Dellinger.



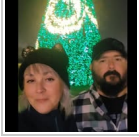
Johnny and Mary LeSesne - August 13 at 05:45 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Lou Dellinger.



August 12 at 12:18 PM



“ *When I worked at the nursing home, and took care of Donna , we loved looking at photos of my animals. And talking to her husband about the farm.and getting to visit with her son's. You will be missed Donna, Truly a heart of gold*

Jenny Walker - August 12 at 01:45 AM



We are so grateful for the comfort you brought to Donna while in the nursing home! Your kindness meant the world to our family. Thank you!

Debbie Dellinger - August 13 at 11:55 PM