



## Donna Claire Fahrlander

March 7, 1931 - February 2, 2023

Donna Claire Fahrlander, 91, of Fort Collins, died peacefully surrounded by family on February 2, 2023.

Donna was born on March 7, 1931 in York, Nebraska to parents, Kenneth and Alyce Jaeger. Throughout her life, even during childhood, Donna's greatest desire was to have a family of her own and raise her children well. In 1951, she married her high school sweetheart Daniel Fahrlander, with whom she did just that. Their four children were born in Iowa and Nebraska, but Dan's work in vocational education took them all over the world, including Taiwan, Egypt, Pakistan, and Beijing.

Once their children were grown, Donna and Dan settled in Ohio, where at 53 years old, Donna earned her Bachelor's degree in English as a Second Language. She taught adults for many years and continued to travel with Dan on his longer assignments abroad. Then, in 1986, they settled in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Donna was the matriarch of the family in every sense of the word. She kept the family together, encouraging them to work through any differences and always land on common ground. Her warm and joyful nature raised everyone up, her love and care enveloping everyone around her. She loved to entertain with homemade treats and open arms and spend time in her garden,

extending that same care to her plants and flowers. As a young woman, Donna wrote My Philosophy of Life, which she closed simply with, "As I make others happy, I am happy. Let that be my life code." And, she lived it every day.

Donna is survived by her children, Mike, Carolyn, Dan Jr. and Trudy; grandchildren, Kelly, Ella, Matt, Sebastian, Zoe, Elias, Jessika, Josh and Ian; and great-grandchildren, Sage, Danny, Elliott, Krisanna, Dillon, Geno, AJ, Ashton, James, Caleb, Nevaeh and Ryker; and three special sisters-in-law. She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Daniel C. Fahrlander.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was honored to learn loads from the fun Fahrlanders when we taught together at the People's University of China in Beijing, back in 1994. I even wrote a whole chapter about how they inspired me to find my life's path ob my memoir "Clowning Around China." I would be glad to send a free copy to Fahrlander fans out there. I still play the baseline.Dan taught me and my wife still makes the brownies donna

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**Christopher Parsons** - February 04 at 02:13 PM

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“ I will have great memories of Donna she shared many Lions events with Dan which was really great to see her. Irene Toliver

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**Irene Toliver** - February 23, 2023 at 12:01 PM

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“ Sharing time with Dan at Front Range Community College, I got to know and respect both Dan and Donna as an engaging, caring and fun couple. After FRCC days we'd converse, catch up and laugh when we'd run into one another, usually at Red Feather Lakes. I have good memories and warm regard for Donna and Dan and wish the best for all of you in their extensive family.  
Kay Hood

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**Kay Hood** - February 22, 2023 at 01:34 PM

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“ *Donna and Dan were so very special to me and my practice of medicine. Always delightful, instructive, and entertaining, they embodied the best of humankind. They certainly set the bar high for the rest of us; a true testament to the kind of individuals God set out to create.*

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**Steven Broman MD** - February 22, 2023 at 01:02 PM