



Donna M. Rodriguez

March 26, 1965 - November 22, 2025

Donna Marie Rodriguez, 60, of Wellington, Colorado, passed away on November 22, 2025, as a true Husker fan — watching the team she loved, even when they let her down.

Donna was born in Bismarck, North Dakota. Her father's career with gambles had them often moving. They lived in North Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming before settling in North Platte, Nebraska. She graduated from St. Patrick's High School in 1983 and went on to attend the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, earning her Bachelor's degree in Accounting in 1987. After graduation, she moved to California, where she began her long and dedicated career with the Department of Defense.

On March 2, 1996, Donna married the love of her life, Hector “Joe” Rodriguez, in Westminster, California. That same year, they moved to Colorado, where Donna began her 30-year tenure with Connell Resources, serving in many roles as an accountant and becoming a trusted colleague and friend to so many.

Donna and Joe welcomed their daughter, Emily Marie, in September 1998, and their son, Christopher Joseph, in December 2001. Donna's life revolved around her family — including Emily and husband Benjamin McMullin and their dog, Capri — and she cherished every moment spent with them.

Donna is survived by her husband, Joe; her children, Emily (Benjamin) and Christopher; and her siblings, Mark and Lynda. She is preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Dorothy Hoffman, and her sister Julie, who heartbreakingly passed away just two days after Donna, on November 24.

A woman of passion, creativity, and warmth, Donna filled her life with activities she loved: scrapbooking, puzzles, reading, Bunco, cheering on the Huskers and Denver Broncos, camping, four-wheeling, and reconnecting with her high school classmates. She treasured her many friendships and had a gift for making anyone feel like family. Emily and Chris's friends were always welcomed into her home — and her heart — without hesitation.

Donna will forever be remembered for her unmistakable laugh, her enormous heart, her strength, and her unwavering willingness to give. She volunteered often during her children's school years and taught Sunday School during her early time at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Among her many precious memories were a snowstorm road trip with her sister Lynda, karaoke in South Dakota, a family trip to South Padre, and countless scrapbooking retreats filled with joy and laughter.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 6, 2025, followed by Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m., same day, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 300 W. Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins, CO; a luncheon will follow.

Donations in Donna's honor may be made to K-LOVE Radio, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or to a charity close to your heart. Flowers for the service may be sent to the Rodriguez family's home.

Donna's love, humor, and light will be deeply missed and forever remembered

by all who were blessed to know her.

Previous Events

Recitation of the Rosary

DEC 6. 10:30 AM (MT)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
300 West Mountain Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Memorial Mass

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ Emily and Christopher, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I remember her and how much she cared and loved for both of you. She was your biggest supporter and advocate. Continue to make her proud.
Hugs- Mrs. Aiken

Marianne Aiken - December 04, 2025 at 03:01 PM

LM

“ Joe, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that I am praying for you and your family. Please let me know if I can help out in any way.

LeAnn Mathis - December 04, 2025 at 02:53 PM

PP

“ Joe, Very sorry for your loss!! Please let me know if I can help in any way!

Pete Perret - December 04, 2025 at 11:48 AM

FM

“ I met Donna through a Meetup group called S.W.A.G., she became a good friend. Donna had one of the brightest smiles I've ever seen and the personality to go with it. Her bubbly personality and kind heart will never be forgotten.

Fran Matzner - December 01, 2025 at 12:58 AM

LO

“ For nearly twenty years, we were blessed to have Donna as both a friend and a neighbor. Our kids grew up side-by-side, sharing milestones, laughter, and everyday moments that became treasured memories. She was the kind of friend everyone hopes to have—kind, dependable, and full of heart. We are so grateful for the love and friendship she brought into our lives. Though we will miss her deeply, we hold comfort in knowing that this isn't goodbye. We will see her again and reunite with her in heaven.~ Love~ Chris, Lisa and Jordan Jones

Lisa Obenchain-Jones - November 30, 2025 at 05:30 PM

DG

“ Joe, Emily and Christopher. Doug and I are so sorry for your loss. Donna was a special and kind person. She will be missed. We were so blessed to have gotten to be your neighbors and blessed even more so knowing your family. You are a very close family and pray you will be comforted in having her for the time you had with her. Remember the memories that were built and know she will be by your side cheering you on. Bless you all.



Doug and Donita Green - November 26, 2025 at 04:23 PM

SM

“ Met Donna at Storybrooke Rehab where she shared a room with my mother. A woman full of joy and laughter. My families condolences. Sue Montoya and family

Susan Montoya - November 26, 2025 at 02:16 PM