



## Donna Lee Altman

June 16, 1938 - December 1, 2019

Donna Lee Altman,

Age 81, of Las Vegas, died Sunday, December 1, 2019. Donna was born June 16, 1938 in Milwaukee WI to the late Nathan and the late Celia Gendlin. She met David Altman in high school and they married 5 years later. For the first part of her career, she was an elementary school teacher. A brave warrior, Donna was a married mother of two young children, living alone, when David served in a MASH hospital in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968. After the children grew, she worked as a stenographer for David's surgery practice. They moved to Las Vegas in 2004 and immediately got involved in Sun City clubs.

Donna is survived by her husband of 60 years, Dr. David Altman; children Terri (Steve) Staley of Seattle WA, Tziporah (Joel) Altman-Shafer of Fox Point WI, and Scott (Laura) Altman of Los Angeles CA; and grandchildren Ben and Casey Altman, and Shoshi, Yoni and Golan Altman-Shafer.

Funeral services 11:00 AM Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at The Shul Center, 8825 N Lake Dr., Bayside, WI. Interment Second Home Cemetery, 3705 S. 43 St., Milwaukee. Contributions in Donna's memory are requested to the American Cancer Society.

Shiva at 221 E Spooner Road, Milwaukee, WI 53217:

Wednesday: 4 pm minyan. Visitors until 9 pm

Thursday: 6:45 am minyan, 4 pm minyan, visitors 1-5 pm and 7-9 pm

Friday: 6:45 am minyan, 9 am - 1:30 visitors

Saturday night: 5:15 pm minyan, 5:30-9 pm visitors

Sunday: 9 am minyan, 4 pm minyan, visitors 9 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm, 7 - 9 pm

Monday: 6:45 am minyan, 4 pm minyan, visitors 1-5 pm and 7-9 pm

Tuesday: 6:45 am minyan

# Cemetery Details

## Second Home Cemetery

3705 S. 43 St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53220

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Shul  
8825 N. Lake Dr.  
Bayside, WI 53217

## Shiva

DEC 4 to 10 (CT)

Altman-Shafer Residence  
221 E Spooner Rd  
Fox Point, WI 53217

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Lee Altman*

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October 06, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to David and the family on the loss of Donna. I have known her forever and she will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Fondly, Suzy Buchbinder Ettinger*

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**Suzy Ettinger** - December 03, 2019 at 10:28 AM



“ *Dave, my mind and heart return to the late 1950's when you and Donna and Marty and I truly enjoyed our first "couple's" experience - Alpha Lambda (then Phi Sigma Delta).. Those sweet times drifted into you and Marty as room mates in a dingy apartment in Madison and Donna and I living in a snazzy dormitory on UW campus in Madison. Our adventures of "going steady," being "pinned," engagement and marriage (you and Donna standing up for our wedding at Beth El) and all of us living in Madison with you in Med School and Marty in Pharmacy. Those were and are precious memories that make me smile right up until this moment. You and Donna were role models for a successful marriage and a pleasure to observe. You both gave it your all, right to the end. I'm proud of how you have lived your life with Donna right up to the last day. Donna was a lucky women - and - you were a lucky man. May Donna Lee Gendlin-Altman's memory be a blessing for you and all who loved her.*

*Barbara Gottfried Stein*

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**Barbara Stein** - December 02, 2019 at 08:11 PM

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“ Dave, we are so sorry we won't be in Milwaukee on Wednesday for Donna's funeral. Please know how much we are thinking of you, your children and grandchildren during this difficult time. We cherish the wonderful times we had with you and Donna. You always opened up your Milwaukee home to us. We so enjoyed those visits and remember them like they were yesterday. Your over 60 years of marriage is a tribute to your lasting bond. Love, Nancy, Ben and Elsa

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**Nancy Remak** - December 02, 2019 at 06:39 PM

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“ I have so many great memories, there is not enough room. Even though we weren't 'officially' family, she was and always will be Auntie Donna to me.

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**Cantor Marla Goldberg** - December 02, 2019 at 05:56 PM