



## Doras Jean Mahnken

May 28, 1930 - April 30, 2016

Doras Jean Duncan Mahnken, 85 Holden, Missouri, passed away April 30, 2016 at Pleasant Hill Health and Rehab in Pleasant Hill, Missouri. She was born May 28, 1930 at Lee's Summit, Missouri. She was the third of five children born to John Richard and Vesta Lorene Hedrick Duncan. The family moved from Kansas City, Missouri near the Kingsville home place of her grandparents John Oscar and Martha Boston Duncan. In 1958, she was united in marriage to veterinarian Dr. Keith Mahnken at the Kingsville Christian Church. She assisted her husband with his practice and along with their children raising cattle. Later she worked for Missouri Valley Human Resource a community action agency. Doras was their outreach worker in Johnson County, Missouri. She was compassionate and dedicated to helping the homeless and the poor. In 1989 she went to Washington DC and rallied with thousands of others regarding the plight of the homeless in America. Doras received several awards, one of which in 1989 was the Bishop John Sullivan Award. Due to her husband's health she retired in 1992 to care for him until his death in 1997.

Doras was a member of the Kingsville Christian Church and later joined the First Baptist Church in Holden. She was also a member of the Missouri Farm Bureau and Alumni of CMSU which is now UCM.

Doras is survived by one daughter, Mary Kae Diaz and husband Richard, Independence, Missouri; One brother John Richard Duncan JR, Pleasant Hill, Missouri; Two sisters Marcie Jackson Creede, Colorado; Bennie D. Skinner

Grand Junction, Colorado; Six Grandchildren, and Four Great Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by One son, David Mahnken, One sister Betty Joe Duncan and One Grandchild Joseph McConnville.

A memorial service will be held on Friday May 6, 2016, 11:00am at Ben Cast & Son-Wood Funeral Home with Pastor Justin Locke officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made in honor of Doras Mahnken to Children's Mercy Hospital, KCMO.

# Cemetery Details

## Holden Cemetery

West 10th Street  
Holden, MO 64040

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home Inc. DBA:Campbell-Cast Funeral Home  
407 South Pine Street  
Holden, MO 64040  
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stewartfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
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# Tribute Wall

LD

“ Love David and Cindy Diaz purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Doras Jean Mahnken.



Love David and Cindy Diaz - May 03, 2016 at 03:45 PM

RP

“ Rev. Bill Perkins lit a candle in memory of Doras Jean Mahnken




Rev. Bill Perkins - May 02, 2016 at 11:18 PM

 Brenda Mahnken

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Brenda Mahnken - May 02, 2016 at 10:16 PM

 Brenda Mahnker

*Will miss my mother-n-law! Her sense of humor, stories, history, and her laughter! I loved our visits. Certainly knew where David got his sense of humor! RIP Doras, you are forever in my heart! One daughter-n-law that actually looked up to you (even if you was shorter than me), and truly loved you!*

Brenda Mahnken - May 02, 2016 at 10:24 PM

JA

“ Doras was always such a sweet and caring person. I know there is a void in your life but God will see you through this. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.



Jennifer and John Adams - May 02, 2016 at 03:36 PM

TS

“ I met Doras many years ago, I knew from the first time I met her, that she was a very special lady, her and her family are like family to me. She isn't in pain anymore and I know Dave and Keith met her at the gates and welcomed her home . I know they are having a great time together. RIP Doras we miss you!

Terry scott - May 02, 2016 at 01:24 PM

TS

“ Terry Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Doras Jean Mahnken

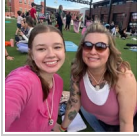


Terry scott - May 02, 2016 at 01:12 PM

CO

“ Please be encouraged:  
"For I well know what I am thinking toward you, declares Jehovah, thoughts of peace, and not of calamity, to give you a future and a hope" Jeremiah 29:11

Cornelius - May 02, 2016 at 07:55 AM



“ *My beautiful grandmother the year she got engaged to papa!* ”



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**Mindy Meadows** - May 01, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ *A visit with grandma january 2016.* ”



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**Mindy Meadows** - May 01, 2016 at 10:54 AM



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**Melissa Mahnken** - May 01, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ *This is Grandma and her cat Boo* ”



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**Melissa Mahnken** - May 01, 2016 at 10:38 AM



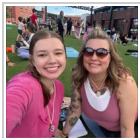
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**Melissa Mahnken** - May 01, 2016 at 10:39 AM



*She loved cats.we always had a pet cat or two.*

**mary diaz** - May 02, 2016 at 06:38 PM



“ *Sometimes it's hard to put into words the connection you have with another person. My grandmother is a part of me, who I am, what I believe, my character, my conscience.*

*She cared for others with passion. She wasn't afraid to be a voice, to speak up for what was right.*

*When I was a child going to holden to spend time with my grandma was my absolute favorite thing to do. I loved the small town. Going to Straits or to the pool with my cousins. We would drive through the country side, grandma telling stories the whole time. She always had a story.*

*One time I got to go to work with my grandma, when she was doing social work for Johnson county. We went to the trailers they had set up for the homeless. I'm so grateful for this memory.*

*I would cry the whole way back to the city. I didn't want to leave grandmas. I loved it there.*

*I love you grandma!!*

**Mindy Meadows** - May 01, 2016 at 10:23 AM



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**Maria Mahnken** - May 01, 2016 at 10:23 AM

 Maria Mahnken

“ *Maria Mahnken lit a candle in memory of Doras Jean Mahnken*



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**Maria Mahnken** - May 01, 2016 at 10:20 AM

 Maria Mahnken

“ *I was very close to my grandma. She left behind a legacy that I hope to emulate one day. Repeatedly she gave of herself. She absolutely loved others and she unashamedly loved Jesus. She was full of wisdom and an off the wall sense of humor. She has forever influenced and inspired a great deal of people beyond myself. No words can adequately express how greatly I will miss her.*

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**Maria Mahnken** - May 01, 2016 at 07:18 AM

 Wendy Hoskins

“ *Grandma taught me the value of community and selflessness. She was an amazing woman, who gave so much to so many throughout her life. I will always remember what a kind, funny, generous, beautiful person she was. I will miss her greatly! I love you, Grandma. ❤️*

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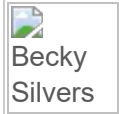
**Wendy Hoskins** - April 30, 2016 at 11:29 PM

RP

“ *Doras, was a special friend and in her professional life was a tremendous help to our family, she had a heart for helping others, our love and our prayers go out to her family, may God comfort your hearts in this time of your loss, "Rest in Peace", Doras!!*

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**Rev. Bill Perkins** - April 30, 2016 at 06:52 PM



Becky Silvers

*Doras was an amazing lady. Her journey on this earth has touched so many lives. She had a heart of gold, full of love. She was so enjoyable to be around. She was such fun, she could have wrote many books on her life experiences of which I so enjoyed her sharing verbally when I was around her. We will truly miss our Doras, but never forget her.*

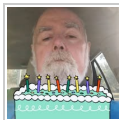
**Becky Silvers** - May 01, 2016 at 07:36 AM



“ Lynn Williams-Hufft sent a virtual gift in memory of Doras Jean Mahnken



**Lynn Williams-Hufft** - April 30, 2016 at 03:45 PM



*She was a sweet lady who always had the best interest for children at her job and otherwise. I shall truly miss her.*

**Lynn Williams-Hufft** - April 30, 2016 at 03:47 PM