

Donna Fredericks

Area of Ministry: Arizona
Focus of Ministry: Church planting, indigenous leadership development, aviation services, youth camps, theological education, etc.; retired



*United Indian Mission
TBC Missionary since 1975*

Donna Fredericks heard the call to missions at a young age and committed herself to full-time service, though she had no clear idea what that meant at first! Read this short bio written by one of her children:

Donna C. Fredericks was born on September 5, 1932, in Albion, New York, the daughter of an orchard farmer. She was the “baby” of the family, having an older sister and two brothers. On August 16, 1952, she married Donald Grey Fredericks, and in 1954 she and Don made their way west to give their hearts and lives in devotion to reach the often forgotten and neglected people of North America. At the time of their arrival from the east, their initial focus was on the Navajo people. All their earthly possessions were loaded into a 1944 Kaiser Sedan, with an attached U-haul-type trailer. They arrived in “Navajoland” with one daughter and the anticipated birth of baby number two. Within two months, a small storage unit of a house was turned into a home. Just days before Christmas, the little home was consumed by fire. All earthly possessions were gone! Just days later, the pregnancy became an emergency, and a birth was accomplished with the good news of another daughter. That was the beginning of the ministry of Don and Donna Fredericks, as the background to what would become a ministry known as United Indian Missions, Inc., now UIM International.



Don worked as a pastor, professor, missionary, missions organization founder, director, and more! Donna shared with him in ministry and also spent much of her time raising their four kids. This wasn't always easy as the ministry of UIM required a lot of travel for Don. Don and Donna were able to enjoy more ministry together after their children were grown.

Don passed away in 2014, but the Fredericks family serves on! Until the last few years, Donna worked regularly in the UIM field office and participated in ministry prayer meetings. The Frederickses' son Dan picked up his dad's mantle and continues as the executive director of UIM, which has now expanded beyond indigenous missions in the US to ministry in Canada, Mexico, Cuba, India, and Central Asia!

Prayer Requests:

- Health for Donna (now 91!), specifically osteoporosis in the spine
- Comfort for Donna's daughter Denise after the loss of her husband
- Thankfulness for continued contact with people from past active ministry