



Donna "Doni" Lynn Brannon Simar

February 7, 1954 - July 3, 2022

St. Martinville -

On Sunday, July 3, 2022 heaven gained the matriarch of our family.

Donna "Doni" Lynn Brannon Simar was born in Westlake, LA on February 7, 1954. She was born to Betty Jean Daigle Caswell & Steadmon Brannon and raised by Shelton Caswell. Doni had two sisters - Denise Broussard (Pat), and Dana & one brother Danny. Aunt Doni had many nieces, and nephews.

Donna was married to Troy Simar where they lived in the Village of Parks, LA on their farm with many exotic animals. She had two daughters Sheri LeJeune Bienvenue (Joey), & Nicole LeJeune Flores (Joe) and one stepson Troy Simar, Jr (Leah). She had four grandchildren - Tyler (Jesse), McKenzi, Gabriela & Dade, along with two step-grandchildren - Tyler (Megan) & Kathryn. She had two great-grandchildren - Stella and James, along with three-step great-grandchildren - Annalise, Parker & Arkady.

Donna had a beautiful, vibrant & never boring life. She filled spaces with her warmth, smile, generosity, and humor. She could make you smile through tears and laugh through pain. She always believed in others and gave second (and third) chances to those dear to her. She was very quick to forgive and had a heart for the underdog. She enjoyed being with her loved ones,

watching true crime TV shows, going to the casino, tending to her plants and always had a new crafting project.

Donna retired from the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Department after 15 years. "Momma D" was very easy to talk to & never met a stranger. She was known & loved by many at the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Department & the Lafayette Police Department.

Donna was quick to identify gifts in others and would give you anything and everything to help you pursue that gift. One of Donna's true gifts was always seeing the good in others and fighting to help them see it, as well. Donna was indeed a fighter and fought five long years against cancer.

When Donna and Troy moved to Parks, she brought her city lifestyle to the farm life with a BANG. She would put warm blankets on the buffalos, hatch chickens from their eggs in the living room, once ran from a chicken in her high heeled rubber boots and even once raised a kangaroo (including wearing 'T-Fee' in a pouch). She had a nursing heart and was always the one you went to for help as she had a medicine cabinet stocked for all of your needs.

Her family will honor her final wishes by not having a viewing & only having a private ceremony, with immediate family, at her final resting place.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to either Dreams Come True of Louisiana (visit www.dctofla.com or mail to PO Box 1252, Youngsville, LA 70582) or MD Anderson (visit www.mdanderson.org/donors-volunteers/donate)

The family of Donna wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes (6th floor/Oncology Dept), the staff of MD Anderson, Traditions Health Hospice, and the entire staff of Mills Cashway Pharmacy.

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555, (337) 740-3123, is in charge of Cremation arrangements.

Tribute Wall

AN

“ I worked with Donna at LPSO. I loved our morning talks and lunches. So glad our paths crossed. Love you Donna...you will be missed. RIP 🙏🏻🙏🏻

Angela - July 08, 2022 at 02:54 PM

MN

“ Donna was always a sweet, kind & loving person, I will always remember kindness. Rest In Peace sweet angel 🙏🏻❤️



Marion Nevils - July 06, 2022 at 05:01 PM

SJ

“ My dearest Aunt Doni, I will miss our chats. You were always full of love and laughter, always cheerful even when you were down. I will miss you so much. Lots of love and Rest In Peace, SJ

SJL - July 06, 2022 at 02:08 PM

PR

“ This Amazing, Wonderful, Carefree Lady I have known for many year's all ways welcomed with open arms.... She raised a her Children with love and caring. I feel blessed to have her in my life. My Rest In Peace.,,, 🌸



Penny Richard - July 06, 2022 at 09:09 AM

BB

“ Donna and I , Brenda Boudreaux , go way back to the 70's, we were old neighbors, I was a widow and she was divorced, so we had a lot of fun going out acting crazy, she was always the life of the party and never a dull moment, we haven't seen each other a lot over the years but when we did time stood still, we were as close as ever laughing about old times, she will be truly missed, and I pray for her family, she was the rock that holds things together.

Brenda Boudreaux - July 05, 2022 at 10:14 PM

LC

Donna and I worked together at the Sheriff's Office. She was such a good friend with a caring heart. We used to get together me, her and Angela Breau and go out to eat and visit, as we all worked in different areas of the S.O. She will be dearly missed. We loved her so much ❤️ Rest In Peace, my dear friend! I will always love you and pray for you. Tell Jessie hello for me ❤️

Lena Credeur - July 05, 2022 at 10:53 PM