



Donna S. Hudson

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF DONNA S. HUDSON

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You can learn a lot about someone from their phone, and size does matter. The smaller the phone, the more frugal that person is. And in this case, it shows how Donna S. Hudson did not need the finer things in life to be happy. All that mattered to her was her family and closest friends.

Donna S. Hudson was born in late November in 1955 to the late Llyod and Jeanell Hudson. For almost sixty years, her hair was jet black. She stood nearly 5 foot 8 inches tall, big bones, too. Like her height, while more elevated than the average woman, her personality never overshadowed anyone. What a person would notice about Donna first was the sparkle in her eyes.

A cherished Mother and Grandmother, and Friend, she will remain forever young as she passed away Friday, May 21, 2021. She will be remembered as the strongest person in our lives whom we relied on, and her unwavering love bestowed on our hearts will be the cradle we find comfort in. A mother's love cannot be measured, released, broken, but her love can be taken for granted.

There were hundreds of photos on her phone, some recipes and seashells art, and most of the photos were of her children, grandbabies, close friends, and even her first love, my father. She is survived by her beloved children, Mandy Whitley (husband Gerald Whitley), Robin Hebert-Guidry (husband Kelly Guidry), Kody Pyle and Elliot Pyle, her grandchildren, Sarah Whitley, Jeramiah Whitley, Westyn Pyle, and Zoe Guidry.

An avid shell collector, she leaves behind a collection with about 4,000 seashells. A talented lady, who can do anything she put her mind to, was once a taxidermist, photographer and silversmith: a forever dog whisper, thrifty shopper, the coupon cutter, and best friend. There wasn't anything mechanical that she could not speculate the workings. Donna, the jack of all trades, was a miss-fixer. When something broke, Donna knew a way to repair it. If Donna could fix our broken hearts, we know she'd find a way to leave Heaven if she could.

Donna was a parts finisher at a machine shop for most of her career, she was the first woman to be hired in that position and with no prior experience, and soon after, she quickly proved herself. When on the verge of retiring and looking to make ends meet, she began her Doggie Love business, one of the first dog-sitting businesses in Lafayette, LA. Once retired, she spent the more significant part of her remaining years being the caretaker of her mother and disabled brother before being diagnosed with breast cancer. Donna fought the fight of (for) her life but was taken much too soon. Six months after recovering from a double mastectomy, she had developed leukemia. We all wanted to take the burden off of her somehow, but if you know Donna, you know she was always thinking of everyone else but herself. A selfless woman, our mother, would give her last breath if it meant it would save another human. She always saw good in everyone she met, she was the first to offer help and the last to want to hang up the phone.

To memorialize Donna in a way that does justice would take many years, many tears highlighting her gracious qualities. Her sharp wit, great sense of humor, warm heart, and generous spirit will be deeply missed. There will never be another Donna S Hudson; she was eager to show love, first to forgive, and the mother of all mothers. To "Mimi," her life was her grandbabies.

Fly high, Mom (Mimi), take a walk on the wild side, the most beautiful beach, and with every ounce of sand, may you know you were loved as deep as the ocean.

Online obituary and guestbook may be viewed at www.CypressFunerals.Com

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

Tribute Wall

MK

“ So sorry 4 the lost. Friend forever.

Mark Kately - September 16, 2022 at 06:00 AM

MB

“ I first meant Donna as a neighbor on harrel dr. She was around 9 years old. She always had a smile on her face with a positive attitude. One of kind. Rip Donna.

marc broussard - June 24, 2021 at 04:14 PM

CH

“ Donna was a high school friend and we had kept in touch over the years. She loved life and her family. She will be missed so much. Enjoy heaven!!!!

cindy holmes - May 28, 2021 at 05:10 PM

BP

“ As a fellow classmate of AHS Sr 1973, I am saddened to hear this news. Donna was a smiler and a giggler. She made me and others happy to be around her. I remember she always had a funny one-liner that made me laugh. What a gift to have been around her. God bless you and I know she will be missed, but I also know she wants her legacy to be one of joy!

Brenda Prejean - May 28, 2021 at 01:42 PM

SH

“ *Suzanne Hudson lit a candle in memory of Donna S. Hudson*



Suzanne Hudson - May 28, 2021 at 11:33 AM

SH

Thank you Susan for being the best person that you were. I know your brother, Ted and your family will miss you dearly. God bless you and fly high. We love you from the Hudson's in South Carolina.

Suzanne Hudson - May 28, 2021 at 11:39 AM

AN

“ *Robin, my Mom, Bonnie, was Jeanells cousin. So, Donna was my cousin down the line. We connected thru Joy on fb. I hadn't seen her in years. Last in Port Arthur, Texas when Bert worked there. I'm sorry we never connected sooner. I'm glad she got her beach trip, I think last year.*
I'm so sorry for your loss.

Alma Richardson Nelson - May 27, 2021 at 09:11 PM

KV

“ *People disappear from our lives, but they cannot disappear from our hearts. There is a force stronger than death and that is love. By giving and receiving love, our ties to the world grow strong. Death can put a distance between people who love each other, but it cannot kill their love.*

Kerry A Vuillemont - May 27, 2021 at 03:55 PM

DF

“ Cody, Elliot, Mandy, and Robin I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother. I am truly heartbroken; Donna and I went to high school together then later in life we were neighbors. She would visit me and my Mom almost every Sunday morning we would drink coffee and laugh at all her stories. She had a such a great sense of humor; she was truly a blessing. I will miss her laugh and huge heart. Much love Donna till we meet again.

Donna Flowers - May 26, 2021 at 06:22 PM

CA

Robin and family, We are sorry to hear of your mother's death. Although we never met her, I am sure she was a wonderful mother and grandmother. Treasure your memories of her always and know that she is at peace. May God wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you during the coming days.

Cathy & Len Arceneaux - May 27, 2021 at 12:32 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donna S. Hudson.



May 26, 2021 at 05:25 PM

PV

“ *The last time I saw you, you were caring for one of your parents. If I remember well it was at Lourdes? I was there for myself. We talked about younger days. We laughed. You had that laugh NO one compares to. Your smile was the same as it was as when we were in school. So big and bright. Donna I am sad to hear that you are gone and that your family is grieving. May God Bless them all with courage and strength. I know that is what you would want. I know your faith in God is great. I know you are saying here I am Lord!!! Rest well sister in Christ <3.*

Paulette Vincent - May 26, 2021 at 03:32 PM

SR

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Stacie Richardson - May 26, 2021 at 09:55 AM

SR

Donna was a beautiful person, inside and out. She had a heart of gold. We met barely 3 years ago, but we became soul sisters immediately. She helped me through tough times just by being there, listening, and offering words of comfort and encouragement. I wish I could have done more for her during her fight with cancer. She was tough; a fighter. We will miss you sister! Holly Beach and seashells will never be the same without you! Whenever we go, we know you will be with us in spirit.

Stacie Richardson - May 26, 2021 at 10:02 AM

ND

“ I woke up to be shocked by the death of Donna. She and I met 40 years ago in Wyoming and even though we rarely ever saw each other we always kept a bond. I had just told my daughter I hope to come see her soon. I am so sad but happy at the same time. She is enjoying the fruits of her labor in a beautiful place now. I loved Donna and will miss her. .So sorry for your loss. Love and prayers.

Norma Dupree - May 26, 2021 at 08:05 AM