



Donna Brinkley Owens

August 28, 1957 - July 11, 2022

Donna Brinkley Owens, 64, known fondly as “Donna Kay,” passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by family on Monday, July 11, 2022, after a 13-month battle with brain cancer (GBM).

A celebration of life service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 23, 2022, in the Sanctuary at Muirs Chapel United Methodist Church (314 Muirs Chapel Road, Greensboro, NC 27410), with reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Donna was born on August 28, 1957, to the late Robert William Brinkley and Pauline Dalton Brinkley. She is also preceded in death by her sister, Denise Brinkley Muncy, and brother-in-law, Donald Thomas “Tom” Muncy. She is survived by her husband, Bud Mitchell “Mitch” Owens; children: Ashley Owens Rand and husband William “Will” Jackson Rand IV, and Joslin Rene Owens; and brother, Robert “Bobby” William Brinkley Jr. and wife, Julie Marion Brinkley; and granddaughters, Clara Dalton Rand and Ellie Virginia Rand, as well as numerous beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and other extended family members.

Donna grew up in Mount Airy, NC, and took her sweet southern accent with her to Greensboro, NC, where she married her soulmate and raised their family.

Donna was a Registered Nurse who began an impressive 38-year career with Cone Health Systems in 1984. Over the years, she worked as the Administrative Coordinator, twice as an Assistant Director, three times as Interim Assistant Director, Department Educator, System Wide NT Educator, and in various clinical nursing positions in different departments. Donna had several publications and podium presentations and was the recipient of numerous awards throughout her career, such as “The Great 100 Nurses” (2017) and “Cone Health Nursing Excellence” (2012 and 2018). She enjoyed mentoring countless Cone employees and was highly respected for her professionalism, dedication, and commitment to the health care system and patient care. She served on various committees and helped to implement training tools and standards which are still in

practice throughout the health system.

Donna was a member of Muirs Chapel UMC for many years, where she was instrumental in the creation and running of a welcome table for church patrons every Sunday morning, dedicating her time and many talents.

Donna was truly one of a kind with the brightest smile and an infectious laugh. She was a genuine and loyal friend to all with a positive, encouraging attitude even during the toughest times. She was the best soccer/softball mom who could be seen “raising the roof” to her girls before every game. Donna was always on the move - our “busy bee.” She was a regular at Costco and was the queen of organization. She was an avid walker and inspired numerous friends who joined in on her walks over the years. She was selfless and expressed her love through gift-giving. She was known for her beautiful baskets with bows on them, because “if you love it, stick a bow on it!” There are few things in life which brought her as much joy as being Nana to her two beautiful granddaughters, grand kittens, and grand pup.

There aren't enough words to encapsulate all the beautiful attributes that made Donna the special person she was, but if you were lucky enough to have known her, then your life is surely changed for the better.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wesley Long Cancer Center at <https://cloud.communication.conehealth.com/make-a-donation> or to Muirs Chapel UMC at <https://muirschapelumc.com/giving/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Muir's Chapel UMC
314 Muir's Chapel Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27410

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Just Found Out, This Evening Of Donna's Passing. My Heart Is Saddened. We Grew Up, In The Bannertown Community, Mt Airy, NC. We Were In Brownies & Girl Scouts. Band Trips. Donna, Always Wore A Beautiful, Bright Smile. Bud, As I Have Always Called Mitchell. Thinking Of You, Your Girls And Grand Children. Of Course, Bobby And His Family. We Will All Meet, Again!*

Sonja Barker - August 05 at 01:03 AM

SB

“ *Sonja Barker lit a candle in memory of Donna Brinkley Owens*



Sonja Barker - August 05 at 12:41 AM

JS

“ *So sorry to hear of Donna's passing. I will never forget her kindness during my illness, to me and my family. Sending love and prayers to Mitchell, Ashley, Joslin and all her family. Jimmie Ruth Speeks*

Jimmie Ruth Speeks - July 23 at 10:45 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Brinkley Owens.*



July 22 at 03:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Brinkley Owens.*



July 22 at 07:00 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donna Brinkley Owens.*



July 21 at 11:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Brinkley Owens.*



July 21 at 09:23 AM

CG

“ *Donna, we have shared some great times together. We had a special bond unique to us! We have journeyed to many places together. Your love for Cherry Tomatoes and French fries will stick with me. Donna, you are one of the best my friend!
May God comfort Mitchell, Ashley, Joslin and the Owens and Brinkley families.
Forever in my heart...
Cassandra*

Cassandra Galloway - July 21 at 09:18 AM

JT

“ *Jacqueline Thigpen lit a candle in memory of Donna Brinkley Owens*



Jacqueline Thigpen - July 21 at 12:41 AM

JT

Donna was one of the best humble person I have known. I worked with her at Cone Health. She encouraged me to go to nursing school and that is what I did. Her personality was contagious. I always felt my best in her presence. My condolences to her Family. I'm praying for comfort.

Jacqueline Thigpen - July 21 at 12:43 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Brinkley Owens.



July 20 at 10:43 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Brinkley Owens.



July 19 at 04:57 AM

AM

“ Donna was so kind, thoughtful and honest. I loved working with her. Always positive and giving of herself

Ann Marie - July 17 at 04:30 PM

SU

“ I grew up with Donna, we went to school together as well as church. I have some of my best memories growing up with her. She and her family was so sweet. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. She will be missed.

Sheila Arrington Utt - July 17 at 09:56 AM

MA

“ I had the privilege of working with Donna at Moses Cone. She was truly one of the best and sweetest ladies I've ever met. My deepest sympathy to the family. God just got Himself another angel.

Monica Atkinson - July 16 at 04:30 PM

MW

“ I knew Donna from Mt. Airy and then reconnected with her when I moved to Greensboro and joined Cone Health. She was a talented and wonderful person and nurse. My prayers are with you during this most difficult time.
Mary Watkins



Mary Watkins - July 16 at 08:32 AM



“ Kathryn Williams lit a candle in memory of Donna Brinkley Owens



Kathryn Williams - July 15 at 08:28 PM



Donna and I worked together at Cone Health as Administrative Coordinators (AC's) She was a joy to work with. I consider her a friend for Life, I will miss her but she will always remain in my heart.
Kathryn Williams, RN (retired)

Kathryn Williams - July 15 at 08:31 PM

AD

“ Avis And Bonnie Dalton lit a candle in memory of Donna Brinkley Owens



Avis and Bonnie Dalton - July 15 at 03:45 PM

BB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember Donna when we were young. Bannertown girls. Barbara Inman Badgett

Barbara Inman Badgett - July 15 at 01:49 PM

DB

“ Donna was a fabulous young friend that I still remember after 50 years. Heaven has a new angel.

darlene Bell - July 15 at 10:34 AM

AS

“ Condolences to the family and prayers, Donna was truly a beautiful and kind person! My prayer is that God will comfort you during this time.

Alesia Shavis - July 15 at 10:27 AM

DC

“ I enjoyed our visits and talks over the past year. Donna had a beautiful faith, and I will miss her. God bless all of you.

Donna Cabiness - July 15 at 08:56 AM

RJ

“ Many prayers to the family.



Rodger & Pam (Roberts) Hegler, Jr. - July 15 at 06:30 AM

LY

“ I am so saddened to hear of Donna's passing. She was an inspiration to so many! Prayers for all family and friends. She will be missed by many.

Lynnette Young - July 15 at 12:48 AM

JO

“ You will be missed friend. We had so many years crossing paths as nurses then finally worked in the same department your last job. You also showed such generosity and kindness and we're a big help with Gamma zeta events . I know you will continue to shine bright in heaven 💕💕

Julie ONeal - July 14 at 11:08 PM

VH

“ Thank you Donna you will be missed . I am a better nurse because you being my preceptor showed me how to nurse with passion. One Love ❤️ Vondra

Vondra humphrey - July 14 at 10:17 PM

SB

“ We are so sorry to hear this sad news. Love and prayers to the family.

Stan and Carolyn Brinkley - July 14 at 09:41 PM

JW

“ So sorry about Donna. She is such a special person. She will be missed. Sending you love and prayers.



Joan Williams - July 14 at 08:46 PM

GP

“ Donna was a very kind soul. When our house burned in 2006 she gave me some money for clothes for our girls and picture boxes to fill with new memories. I still have them to this day. She will be missed but Heaven gained a beautiful angel! I worked with her at Cone Health. She was an inspiring nurse too!!

Gayle Phillips - July 14 at 07:52 PM

EO

“ Donna was such a beautiful and kind person. Thinking about you all always.



Emily Orange - July 14 at 07:46 PM

EA

I was so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. What a great loss. I knew her through the LeBauers. Sending good wishes a prayers to your family. Elaine Abrams

Elaine Abrams - July 16 at 01:11 PM

LU

“ Lynn Alexander - Muir's Chapel UMC purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donna Brinkley Owens.



Lynn Alexander - Muir's Chapel UMC - July 14 at 03:51 PM

J(

“ I knew Donna from Moses Cone. She was always such a kind and caring nurse with a big smile. My prayers for her family and friends; may you find peace and comfort in the days ahead as you celebrate a life well lived.



Jean Mabe, RN (Retired) - July 14 at 03:31 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donna Brinkley Owens.



July 14 at 12:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Brinkley Owens.



July 14 at 12:15 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Brinkley Owens.



July 14 at 12:14 PM

MS

“ Heaven gained a special angel, Donna Owens! She was the best in everything that she did! She will surely be missed by all that new her! Marsha Smith

Marsha Smith - July 14 at 11:22 AM

SH

Love and prayers to the Owens family. I always thought your Mom was an Angel sent by God. I was at the Hospital alone the day my MIL passed. I walked out the door to get a nurse and saw Donna. She stayed right by my side until Byron got to the hospital. It was a surprise blessing by God to place her right there when I walked out into the hall. She will be missed!

Susan Hall - July 14 at 12:03 PM