



Mrs. Donna Denise McMahan

April 20, 1962 - March 8, 2017

Funeral Service for Donna Denise McCray McMahan, 54 will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the United Methodist Church of Warwick, where she was a member. Pastor Ken Myers will officiate and interment will follow in the church cemetery. Mrs. McMahan passed away on March 8 at her home.

Born April 20, 1962 in Jasper, Florida, she was the daughter of Edward McCray and the late Eva Murl McCray. She was united in holy matrimony to Scott McMahan for 34 years. Mrs. McMahan devoted most of her adult life to working in nursing homes. She served as a Registered Nurse at Ethica Health & Retirement Communities. She spent almost 21 years helping families and their loved ones in this business. Mrs. McMahan was very passionate about the work that she did with retirement communities. She proudly spent her career looking to make nursing homes better, and she especially enjoyed educating nurses on how to best help patients. It was during her work in nursing homes that she became an activist for the Alzheimer's Association. After seeing patients battle this disease, it became one of the causes about which she felt the strongest. In 2009, she became a fighter for another cause; she joined the fight against cancer. Not only did she participate in walks and make donations, but she had her own personal struggle with the deadly disease. She did not lose her battle with cancer, but her cancer did rob us of this beautiful woman.

Survivors include her husband, Scott McMahan, father and stepmother, Edward and Kathy McCray, her daughter and son-in-law, Lauren and Trey Duncan of Tifton and her son, Sean McMahan (Eden Hunter) of Freeport, Florida. Also surviving are grandchildren, Jase and Hill Duncan, her sister and brother-in-law, Rita and Jim Torell, her brother and sister-in-law, Eddie and Jennifer McCray, and step-brother, Matthew Boatright.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 PM on Friday at Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester, GA. Please sign our online guest registry at <http://www.banksfh.com>. Banks Funeral Home of Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Comments



“ Donna and I not only shared the same profession but also had children who grew up together, Sean and Sarah Jo. Donna gave me my first opportunity in long-term care, replacing her position as DON at Lee County Health Care so she could advance her career as administrator at Dawson Manor. A very compassionate and caring woman, Donna will be certainly missed.

Jonnie Owens - May 14, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ A battle bravely fought, a peace richly deserved. An Angel is born.

Beverly Spillers (By The Pond) - May 14, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Donna's passing and of your loss. Her obituary was depictive of her life and her devotion to the elderly. She fought a good fight and inspired us all with her strength and determination during her battle with cancer. She has been an inspiration to me throughout my own battle with the disease. At times when I feel weak, I think of her and her continuing to work when it was obvious that it was difficult for her. I also learned so much from her as a nurse. She taught me a lot about restoring one's ability to function when there were both physical and mental challenges. I love you Donna and my heart goes out to your family. May you soar with the angels and I will see you again one day. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Laura Sue Fleming

Laura Fleming - May 14, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ Donna was a live and a care person who didn't mind helping or showing you what to do. A lot of my learning came from her we worked together and I enjoyed it ever step. I saw in her how strong you can be and how to fight most of all. To the family she will always be with you.

Lucy Cooper - May 14, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ Donna was a great lady. I worked with her at Dawson Manor a great nurse and administrator and a caring person.

Mary Ann Duke - May 14, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Sandra Hill - May 14, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ Donna was a beautiful and kind hearted nurse who made all of us who worked with her better nurses just by knowing her!! So sorry for your loss and prayers lifted for peace and comfort for her family and friends!

Jane Martin - May 14, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. We have you in our prayers. John & Kim Reed
(Jennifer Reed's Parents)

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“ Donna was such an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a great nurse, mentor and friend. We also shared the HER2 breast cancer. Even as Donna was battling her disease she reached out to me when I was diagnosed to give me hope and encouragement. She will truly be missed. I pray that God will give you strength during this difficult time.

Julia Ann Ridgeway - May 14, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear of Donna's untimely death. I worked with her for several years and soon learned after meeting her what an amazing nurse, leader, friend, and mother she was. Her interest in and compassion for others set a standard for others. Thinking about your family.

Mary Eleanor Wickersham - May 14, 2018 at 02:35 PM