



Donna Marie Brown

May 26, 1959 - July 9, 2022

BROWN, DONNA MARIE. It is with profound sadness that the family of Donna Marie Brown (Pieroni) announce that she entered her heavenly home on Saturday July 9th at the age of 63, after a fiercely brave, 16 month battle with Glioblastoma that began March 9th, 2021. Through this battle, Donna held her ground and remained an inspiration to all family and friends who supported her journey on CaringBridge as well as the many gracious members of Donna's care team.

Donna will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 38 years, Earl; children, Elliott (Shawna), and Nicholas; mother Rose; grandchildren, Zoe, Raelyn and Nola; siblings, Keith Pieroni, Laurie Taylor, Ronald Brown (Linda), Richard Brown (Elaine); and numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and countless friends.

Donna was predeceased by her loving father Gilbert and brother-in-law David Taylor.

Donna was born on May 26th 1959 in Niagara Falls, NY to Gilbert and Rosemarie Pieroni. High school sweethearts, Donna and Earl began dating in 1976 and married in 1983. Donna graduated from SUNY at Buffalo with an MBA in Accounting and Finance before joining The National Fuel Gas Company in 1982. There she held several positions of increasing

responsibility, ultimately retiring from the company as a financial manager in 1991, when she and Earl moved from Grand Island, New York to Shelby Township, Michigan.

After moving, Donna committed herself to the most difficult, yet what she would claim to be the most rewarding job of her life; a dedicated, full-time loving mother to Elliott and Nick. A mother to all, she was always the first to raise her hand to support her boy's journey including being a Catechist teacher, Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, and active school volunteer until her boys reached collegiate age. In addition, Donna built two successful home businesses, one focused on interior design, predominantly creating and making draperies, and the second, doing personal income taxes.

Donna and Earl also enjoyed traveling and took countless vacations with family and friends to South Carolina, Florida, Texas, Mexico and the Caribbean. In addition, Donna and Earl enjoyed trips to Paris, Barcelona and Tokyo. Each of these creating wonderful memories the family and friends will fondly recall amidst the deep pain currently experienced by all.

In 2018, Donna and Earl purchased their retirement home in Canadian Lakes, MI. Donna thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to renovate the home from top to bottom, indoor and out to make it their own. After two years of remodeling and decorating, their dream home was ready and they moved in the spring of 2020.

Her passing will forever leave a void in the hearts of her beloved family; Earl's high school sweetheart and beautiful bride, Elliott, Nick and Shawna's adored Mother, and Zoe, Raelyn and Nola's darling "Yaya". Her profound character and charismatic light radiated on all who knew her. Due to the life she lived, and her inherent ability to guide and care for others, there are beautiful tales for all to be cherished. She will live on in all of their hearts and will remain with

us forever. Countless lives have all been touched by this amazing woman, taken from us far too young by a horrible and indignant disease. The family and friends rest assured knowing Donna's suffering is over, she is now at peace in the loving embrace of her father, and will see her again in heaven when Jesus calls them home.

The family wishes to deeply thank the absolutely amazing Spectrum Hospice and Care Team. They were a light, and comfort, during some of the worst days of the family's lives.

Memorial Gathering will take place on Monday, July 18th beginning at 9:30am at St. John Vianney Church 54045 Schoenherr Road (btw. 24 & 25 Mile Rds.) Shelby Township until time of Memorial Mass at 10:00am. Donna will be laid to rest in a companion niche, to be joined by her husband Earl, at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township on Tuesday July 19th. The entombment will be reserved to immediate family and closest friends.

Memorial Donations in Donna's name may be made to one of the many charities that Donna supported through her years including UNICEF, Doctor's Without Borders and the American Cancer Society.

Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book"@
WujekCalcaterra.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL 18. 9:30 AM (ET)

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54045 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Twp., MI 48315-1403

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Tribute Wall

CL

“ Dear Earl, Rosemary, Laurie, and Keith,
My family and I are so sorry to hear of Donna's passing.
Donna was my first friend when my family moved to Sunnydale Drive. We spent countless hours riding our bikes, playing with our Barbies, swimming at each other's homes, and walking our dogs together. I have wonderful childhood memories, and Donna is one of the main reasons. We were so silly together, and we would laugh until the tears rolled down our cheeks! Donna's creative talents were present when she was young. We had the best looking Barbie houses and furniture in the neighborhood, and we decorated with things we found around the house! Nothing store bought for us! I have missed her over the years when adult life separated us. I will never forget her, and I will keep her memories close to my heart until we meet again.
My deepest condolences to all of Donna's wonderful family and friends. With love,
Cheryl (Woodcock) Lutey

Cheryl Lutey - July 18, 2022 at 03:12 PM

KH

“ Donna lived out loud. She talked loud, she laughed loud, she dressed loud, and she loved loud. You never had to wonder where she was at a gathering. You only needed to follow the laughter or look for the brightest colors, and there she would be - drawing people in with a story; finding a point of connection; making sure everyone felt welcome and included.

The first time I met Donna, I assumed she had me confused with someone she already knew because she treated me as though we had been friends for years. I later came to realize that was nothing unusual - that's how she approached everyone. A walk that would take me an hour alone, took two with Donna because she stopped to talk to every person we passed. She was a purveyor of joy - adding a bit of sparkle to every situation.

I am a better person for having had Donna in my life, and I will do my best to remember some of the important lessons she taught me...

- * Laughter is contagious, so spread it abundantly.*
- * Be generous with your time and your friendship.*
- * Think about the energy you transmit - it affects other people.*
- * Take an extra moment to talk to strangers - you can change the trajectory of their whole day.*
- * Wear hot pink and cheetah print - it's an instant mood booster.*

Kristie Hayes - July 16, 2022 at 09:24 PM

EB

Kristie, you captured Donna so well. She love you and your family so much 💕. We too are better for having you, Jeff and your beautiful girls in our lives too. We have had so many wonderful memories together, vacations, weekend get aways, dinners and just hanging out. I have been looking at so many photos and reflecting on these and so many other wonderful memories to help with the emptiness I feel in my heart now 💔.

Earl Brown - July 17, 2022 at 08:39 AM

DN

“ Earl we are still shocked that the Lord gave her wings to soon. She was a special person and now is reuniting with our family that have gone before us. You, Elliot, Shawna, Nick and the grandchildren have a special Angel looking down and protecting you.

Love

Jeff- Dee- Stephen - Chris- Andrew and Angela

Dorothy Nenstiel - July 13, 2022 at 03:52 PM

EB

Thank you Dee. Yes, she was taken far to young. I sometimes find it hard to believe she is not still here.

Thank you for your prayers and support throughout her battle.

Love you cuz

Earl Brown - July 13, 2022 at 06:56 PM

JM

“ Earl and family, we are so saddened by the loss of our dear and precious friend, Donna. We know that she is now in peace and with our Father in heaven and is no longer suffering. The strength and faith Donna has shown throughout her entire battle makes her our hero and you as well as her loving husband and caregiver. As Proverbs 31:25-31 states: "She is clothed in STRENGTH and DIGNITY and LAUGHS without fear of the future." Donna is an inspiration to all of us and we continue to pray for you and your family as you navigate moving forward. Donna will ALWAYS remain in our hearts. Love and strength, Jo Elena, Matt, Anna, Joey and Sara Mansour.

Jo Elena Mansour - July 13, 2022 at 09:54 AM

EB

Jo we are profoundly sad that Donna is no longer with us. However, we know she is no longer suffering and is at peace in heaven where we will be together again when we are called home 🙏.

We have so many fond memories with you Matt and the family. Many nice parties, boat rides and concerts together. These memories will be with us always. We love you all, and Donn did too 💕

Earl Brown - July 13, 2022 at 10:41 AM

DG

“*Countless fond memories of Donna, Earl, Elliott and Nicholas over the past 18 years. We met through Troop 208 Boy Scouts, back in 2004. Early special memories are of weekend campouts with them and the troop. Friendships grew, and we began sharing time to celebrate every birthday, and special holidays such as Christmas. Donna was always a wonderful hostess! In 2010, we took our first vacation together with our sons to Cancun, and it wasn't the last. We thoroughly enjoyed the many adventures with Donna and Earl to concerts, auto museums, countless dinners, pool parties, ArtPrize, wine tastings, boat and home shows, and even shopping for fabrics. I have loved every minute I got to spend with Donna. She is the kindest, smartest, down to earth, talkative friend I've ever had. When you got on the phone with Donna, it was never just a quick question or quick chat – I miss those calls. I know Donna is in Heaven and has probably already found the most comfortable, romantic, quiet spot with a view, waiting for all of us to join her. It will be a very special day when we get there....*

Dianne and Dennis Gerdeman - July 12, 2022 at 09:15 PM

EB

Hello Dianne

Yes, we have so many memories to look back on and make us smile during this difficult time. Donna loved you, Dennis and Stephen very much, as I do. The friendship you two shared was very special to her. Yes, we will all be together again when we are called home 🙏.

Earl Brown - July 13, 2022 at 09:04 AM

BG

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, Earl, Laurie, Keith and Rose, and all your family and friends. I have such fond memories of Donna when I was growing up as a close friend of Laurie's. She was always the super cool, infinitely patient and kind, big sister. I haven't seen her in many years but I am sure she touched the lives of many. You are all in my thoughts at this difficult time. Bev (Bullock) Goldschmidt

Beverly Goldschmidt - July 12, 2022 at 04:15 PM

EB

Thank you Bev. Donna and I had great memories of you too. We often talked about the time we took you and Laurie camping. Looking back on such good memories help right now.

Earl Brown - July 12, 2022 at 06:24 PM

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Jo Elena Mansour - July 13, 2022 at 09:52 AM

CS

Dear Earl and Family, My Deepest Sympathy with the passing of Donna. She fought such a hard fight and you and your family fought right along with her. Please take comfort that she is at peace now and will always be with you and your family in your hearts and watching over you always. God Bless. Cheryl Saba

Cheryl Saba - July 13, 2022 at 01:58 PM

LC

Earl: I am so sorry to hear of Donna's passing! I have many wonderful memories of our friendship & adventures together in High school. Donna was a caring friend who was there on the day when I needed her most, just crying with me on the phone together! May your memories carry you through this difficult time! Lora Seeloff Collins

Lora Seeloff Collins - July 13, 2022 at 03:39 PM

DQ

I don't know what to say, Earl, after decades of distance, but I still feel connected, and I am mourning your loss. Seeing Donna's picture brought me back to our Colonial Village and junior high years. You have many long years of memories that I hope will comfort you. Kate and I are "holding you in the light", as the Friends say.

David Quinn-Jacobs - July 13, 2022 at 07:58 PM

EB

*David, Lora and Cheryl
Sorry, I missed your notes as they were in the comments area. Thank you all for sharing your condolences on Donna's passing. I miss her terribly but am glad she is now longer suffering. There is a huge hole in my heart that will never close 💔😭. However, leaning on faith and friends are helping to get through this difficult time.*

Earl Brown - July 17, 2022 at 09:41 AM