



Donna Stockton Early

April 23, 1950 - April 11, 2020

Donna Stockton Early, 69, of Frankfort, passed away on Saturday, April 11, after suffering a stroke this week. Donna's daughter, Sara Early Jenkins (Landon) was with her at Bluegrass Hospice Care until the end. Raised in Glasgow, KY, with siblings Reeda, Susan, and Dennis, she was preceded in death by her parents, CSM Reed D. Stockton and Billie Purdue Stockton.

A dedicated public servant until the end, Donna has served as the Executive Director of the Judicial Form Retirement System since 1983. She served her retirees, spouses, and the plan faithfully during her 37-year tenure. She also served for many years as a Weight Watchers leader in Frankfort and Lawrenceburg, using her passion for healthy living and motivational skills to influence even more Kentuckians.

As a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Frankfort, "Miss Donna" was responsible for shaping the lives of hundreds of children. She was a member of the Baptist Mission Women's group, volunteered at the Soup Kitchen, and was in training to mentor families through the Kentucky Refugee Ministry Program.

Because of distancing restrictions, no service will be held at this time. Her family would be comforted knowing Donna's impact on your life. Please share stories and request to be notified about a forthcoming Celebration of Life by emailing RememberingDonnaEarly@gmail.com

Donna's mission was to help people by spreading cheer and improving the lives of others without ever seeking recognition. It is now up to all of us to help before others ask, to celebrate things more fiercely, and to love life and each other without condition. If we all take on this mantle, the world may remain as bright as it was while she lived.

Comments



“ On this Derby Day 2020, wild and wonderful Donna is heavily in my thoughts and prayers. In recent years, we always managed to catchup at my sister's annual Derby party. I always looked forward to that fun time. Derby is vastly different now. Cha's parties ceased a couple of years ago. Visits with my former roommate, confidante and precious friend are memories now. It has been months since the loss of this dear friend. I have been unable to put into writing the stories and history that Donna and I shared. I apologize Sara, Susie and all for not emailing my accounts of this legendary woman in my life. Everything I attempt to put our history into words, clouds of grief and sadness bring my task of privilege to a quick halt. I am still working on writing....I really am and I haven't forgotten. On this first Derby Day after her passing, I attest I know Donna would be happy that the Run for the Roses was finally taking place, in spite of our broken, recovering world. She was a dedicated Kentuckian, through and through. Please, please keep us all advised of Donna's memorial service/celebration of life. Blessings galore to all

Robbie Battoe - September 05, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ The world and family has lost a wonderful lady. She was my Weight Watcher coach and every meeting she uplifted us. She made us laugh and gave us good advise each week. I loved her dearly. Prayers and my love to the family at losing Donna.

Karen Cook - May 01, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ TO ONE OF THE FINEST SPIRITS, That ever was held by a body. She took care of me, not even DENIAL or SHODDY. Keep your head up BABYDOLL, NEVER LOSING YOUR TRACK. SHE IS ALWAYS WATCHIN YOUR BACK.
The >S.W.H.
Acquaintance

Lord Infamous - April 29, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ Brenda Foster lit a candle in memory of Donna Stockton Early



Brenda Foster - April 18, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ Melony Benassi lit a candle in memory of Donna Stockton Early



Melony Benassi - April 18, 2020 at 04:40 AM



“ Donna was so helpful to me when my husband, Judge Richard FitzGerald, died. She came to the funeral home and then helped me manage the paperwork later. My husband knew Donna and had such appreciation for her caring competence. What a wonderful person!! She is in my prayers. Marjorie FitzGerald

Marjorie FitzGerald - April 17, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. She was a lovely person, a wonderful Mom. We knew each other when our children attended elementary school together. God bless and comfort you all.

Laura Malena - April 17, 2020 at 01:57 AM



“ I am very sad to learn of Donna's passing. I worked with her at Tarrant, Combs & Bullitt and Wyatt, Tarrant, & Combs for several years, until she left for her position with the Judicial Retirement Fund. She was an absolute joy to know and work with. Within recent months we were able to renew our acquaintance and friendship and share a lot of old stories. I extend to her family and close friends my deep condolences. Steve Pitt.

Steve Pitt - April 15, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ Donna was a very caring person. Always treated people with respect. Made you feel really good just talking to her. Going to miss her. Loved being around her and talking to her.

Phyllis Thurman - April 13, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ Stephen And Nancy Botts lit a candle in memory of Donna Stockton Early



Stephen and Nancy Botts - April 13, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ Donna was always there for me as a judge. She helped me figure out how to maximize my retirement. She cared about us not just as judges, but as individuals. Even as a retired judge she helped me make some decisions about how to make some transfers from one state system to another. After you talked to her you always understand the situation, but more important you felt like you had just talked to your favorite aunt who cared for you! Heaven is a better placed because Donna is there, earth is a better place because she was here, and we are better people because we encountered Donna on our own roads of life. Lew Nicholls

Lew Nicholls - April 13, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ I met Donna through Weight Watchers. She was our leader. She was such a pleasant lady and I could tell she loved her life. She always made me feel important. Her family will be in my prayers. I am so sorry for their loss.

carol poole - April 13, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ Peggy Cox lit a candle in memory of Donna Stockton Early



Peggy Cox - April 12, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ Billy and Nancy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Donna Stockton Early



Billy and Nancy Shaw - April 12, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Have fond memories of Donna from school. She was always a kind person and friend to all. Thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.
Marla Dawsey Basil

Marla Basil - April 12, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ Donna was always sweet lady and I always enjoyed seeing her come in my shop. So sorry for your loss. Sara I know that she adored you.

Candy Slade - April 17, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ Prayers for the family Donna was one of the best friends anyone could have. Loved her Mary Hale Hamilton



Mary Hale Hamilton - April 12, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Beth Faight lit a candle in memory of Donna Stockton Early



Beth Faight - April 12, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ Wonderful caring gal - served us well



Jane H Baker - April 12, 2020 at 01:48 PM