



Ms. Donna Kay White

March 21, 1946 - July 3, 2021

TABERNACLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST IS HOSTING FUNERAL SERVICES IN LOVING MEMORY OF FOR THE FAMILY OF DONNA KAY WHITE*VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES ARE LISTED BELOW

*****PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH. SOCIAL DISTANCING IS ALSO STILL REQUIRED*****

Donna Kay White, affectionately known as “Dee”, made her transition Saturday, July 3, 2021 in Kalamazoo, Michigan surrounded by her family. She was born March 21, 1946 in Kalamazoo, the daughter of Albert Lee White and Catherine Ruth White.

Donna was brought up in Emmanuel Church of God In Christ from a young age. Having a love for singing gospel music, she became part of her church’s music ministry, which was directed by her mother, Catherine. Later in life, as she grew in the faith, she became a member of Christian Life Center in Kalamazoo, which later became Stones Church, under the leadership of Joel A. Brooks, Jr. She served there in the Children’s Ministry, while working in the “Sweet Victory” Store. She also served in the Usher/Greeter Ministry, on the Bereavement Ministry Team and Celebrate Recovery Team.

Donna began attending Greater Faith Fellowship, under the leadership of JD

Hayter., but later she resumed her membership at Stones Church and continued to serve in the Usher Ministry.

She attended Portage Public Schools, graduating from Portage Central High School (1964). After graduating high school, she went to Western Michigan University, where she studied Social Work. She later went to Davenport College, where she studied Business Communications.

Donna was employed in many capacities; beginning with the YWCA as a certified lifeguard and later Gibson Guitar Company. She went on to take a position at the Family Health Center in Kalamazoo, where she became Supervisor and Head of the Medical Records Department.

Donna always had an interest in working with families and especially children. She dedicated fifteen years of service to the Kalamazoo County/ Juvenile Home Division as a Child Guidance Worker and Union Steward. After years of devoted service, she was promoted to the position of Family Interventionist and later became a Juvenile Probation officer with the Kalamazoo County 9th District Court. Several years into retirement she took a position through Kalamazoo Public Schools ALP program (Alternative Learning Program) as a reading interventionist.

Donna had a strong love of family, notable for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also was a foster parent and a mentor to young women through "Girls on the Run". Some of the hobbies she enjoyed were reading, bingo, swimming and cooking. She also participated in league bowling for many years. She was extremely outgoing and remarkably social. Donna loved interacting with family while playing board games, which showed her playful, competitive spirit. She loved to cook and could make fried chicken and macaroni and cheese like nobody else! One of Donna's spiritual gifts was giving and sharing. She was known to be the type of person who would pour

her life into giving to others. She loved to laugh with her sister Pam, affectionately known as “Pam-oo”. Donna will be greatly missed by her family, friends and all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Albert Lee and Catherine Ruth White.

Donna leaves to cherish her memory: her two daughters: Whitney M. Roden (Nathan) and Traysi L. White; five grandchildren, Justin White, Calvin McDaniel (Toni), Shantel Pride, Sara Bullocks Hill (Monroe), Candace Gaston; step-grandchildren, MaRay Roden, Aleah Roden, Jakhari Simmons; great grandchildren, Kalaya White, Coriona White, Dulce White, Zoel McDaniel, Ennio McDaniel, Li’Zariah Lewis, Karmya Coleman, Amaria Rand, Monajha Hill; special nephew Clifford Julian II; and a wealth of relatives, friends and church members.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Family Hour

JUL 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ
3210 Virginia Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

JUL 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ
3210 Virginia Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Donna Kay White



Harper Funeral Home - July 13, 2021 at 06:49 PM

RR

Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends. I share some fond memories of Donna from high school. Rest In Peace .
Ruth Hudson Raines 🙏

Ruth Hudson Raines - July 16, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ Ms. Donna Kay White

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Donna Kay White

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

DB

“ To the family of Donna Kay White, I would like to send my condolences. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I pray God will give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Darline Burch-Clark

Darline Burch-Clark - July 19, 2021 at 09:25 PM

DB

“ Darline Burch-Clark lit a candle in memory of Ms. Donna Kay White



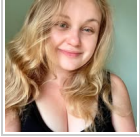
Darline Burch-Clark - July 19, 2021 at 09:19 PM

CM

“ My prayers are with the family of Donna White. She was such a beautiful person, and she will be truly missed by all of the lives she touched.

Carole Miller and family

Carole E Miller - July 17, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ Dee,

You will be so greatly missed. There is none and never will be one like you. I fondly remember last year when you, myself and mom took a trip to Sagatuck for the day. it was such a fun time, having dinner together chatting and laughing; This event will be forever, etched in my mind. So, glad that we spent that day together. Well, now I know you're enjoying yourself with all of our other family members!!!! See you on the other side Dee. I'm so glad for all the fun times and laughs we shared.

*Forever my Love,
Da-Da*

Darla Cummings - July 15, 2021 at 10:56 PM

WS

“ *Our parents were best friends and visits to Kalamazoo from Beloit will remain some of my fondest memories of growing up and knowing Donna Kay and Pam. The visits continued through several generations. My heart is saddened by the loss of Donna Kay and I am there with you in spirit. May you be granted peace and comfort from your memories. God Bless.*

*Love You All,
Wanda Sloan & Family,
Beloit, WI*

Wanda Sloan - July 14, 2021 at 11:44 PM

WS

“ *Wanda Sloan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Donna Kay White*



Wanda Sloan - July 14, 2021 at 11:07 PM

CT

“ *Catherine Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Donna Kay White*



Catherine Taylor - July 14, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Donna Kay White.*



July 13, 2021 at 09:56 PM

AL

“A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again.” - Maya Angelou

May the peace that comes from the memories of Donna Kay White comfort you now and in the days ahead.

Please accept our condolences ... Russell, Robert C., Earl T., and Alvin B. Logan.

Alvin Logan - July 13, 2021 at 03:45 PM

DT

“Donald, Kathleen and Taylor Thompson purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Ms. Donna Kay White.



Donald, Kathleen and Taylor Thompson - July 13, 2021 at 09:27 AM

MM

“M. Marilyn Jefferson (Aunt Marilyn) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ms. Donna Kay White.



M. Marilyn Jefferson (Aunt Marilyn) - July 12, 2021 at 03:37 PM

EG

“ *Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Donna Kay White*



Edith Gardner - July 12, 2021 at 12:12 PM

DP

“ *RIH OUR SWEET FRIEND,
YOU WILL TRUELY BE MISSED
HEAVEN HAS RECEIVED ANOTHER
ANGEL*



DEE & TONEY PATTERSON

DEE PATTERSON - July 11, 2021 at 05:04 PM

PJ

“ *Paulette Julian lit a candle in memory of Ms. Donna Kay White*



Paulette Julian - July 11, 2021 at 02:14 PM

CB

“ *Cordell & Brenda lit a candle in memory of Ms. Donna Kay White*



Cordell & Brenda - July 10, 2021 at 07:50 PM

IR

“ To the White Family,

My prayers and condolences to the family for your loss. Donna was a beautiful sweetheart, with a phenomenally giving women. I'm honored that she was my friend.

Rest In Peace my friend. Love you abs and you will be dearly missed ❤️.

Ida Robinson

Ida Robinson - July 09, 2021 at 11:46 PM



NT

“ So sorry for your loss💔. Praying for your entire family.

Nina Tillman-Taylor - July 09, 2021 at 09:20 PM



ML

“ Mary Ligon-Goens lit a candle in memory of Ms. Donna Kay White

Mary Ligon-Goens - July 09, 2021 at 08:23 PM



ML

“ *Condolences To The Family Of Donna.
Praying That The Love Of God Will Give You
Comfort, Peace And Strength During This
Time.*

Malinda (Linda) Ligon-Whitley



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - July 08, 2021 at 11:55 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Donna Kay White*



Pauline Gardner - July 08, 2021 at 08:45 PM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of
Ms. Donna Kay White*



Frank & Betty Ford - July 08, 2021 at 07:26 PM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of
Ms. Donna Kay White*



Frank & Betty Ford - July 08, 2021 at 07:14 PM

SW

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Sonia Wilkerson - July 08, 2021 at 07:04 PM

AP

“ *We send our condolences to the Family in the loss of Donna, we are praying that God's comfort and peace will sustain you during this difficult time.*

*Annie & Marshall Pearson,
McCormick, SC*

Annie Inell Pearson - July 07, 2021 at 07:26 PM

AP

“ *Annie Inell Pearson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Donna Kay White*



Annie Inell Pearson - July 07, 2021 at 07:21 PM

JP

“ *Prayers for the White family.*



James and Barbara Phillips - July 07, 2021 at 07:16 PM

MP

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family!* 🙏



Mollie Peterson - July 07, 2021 at 08:56 AM