



Donna Earlita Crabb

February 9, 1961 - August 12, 2021

Obituary

Donna E. Crabb

Donna Earlita “Dedah” Crabb, 61, dedicated humanitarian and matriarch, quietly passed away to her heavenly reward, on August 12, 2021 in Conyers, GA.

Donna was born to Ruth Ann (Nelson) and Donald Earl Crabb on February 9, 1961 in West Chester, PA. She was raised in Downingtown, PA where she graduated from high school in 1979. After briefly attending Millersville College, she relocated with family to Atlanta, GA where she earned a computer technician degree at Atlanta Technical College.

Donna had an illustrious career of 27 years in human resources at Emory University, where she received the highest employee honor, the Award of Distinction, for her vanguard role in developing Emory Temporary Services (ETS). By facilitating temporary-to-permanent roles through ETS for thousands of individuals, she fulfilled her life's ministry resulting in the elevation of the socio-economic standing of families and communities for generations to come.

Donna was an avid reader and enjoyed sharing about the many books she'd read. She was an explorer who delighted in travel with family and friends. She was a regular community volunteer and taught the importance of service to the community to her daughter and grandchildren. She was known for her beautiful smile, effervescent personality, limitless generosity and loving spirit. Donna's mantra was that a stranger was just a friend she had not met.

Everyone who knew Donna, identified that her greatest joy was being a mother to Jennifer and grandmother or “Dedah” to her grandchildren. They were the beats of her heart and she dedicated her life and time to them. Donna especially took respite in knowing that she could entrust her cherished family to her son-in-law, Mark. She was also like a mother to many, showering her love, wisdom and graciousness, expressly with her sister's children.

Baptized at St. Paul's Baptist Church in West Chester, PA as a child, Donna's love for Christ was ever-present in the way she made others feel. She saw the positivity and good in every situation and person, no matter their mistakes, decisions or circumstances. She will be sorely missed.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents James and L. Helen Nelson, David and Laura Crabb and a cherished niece Erika Crabb Weber.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her daughter Jennifer Crabb Kyles, son in law Mark Kyles, Jr., granddaughters Jasmine Bankston, Jada Bankston, Morgan Kyles and grandson Mitchell Kyles; siblings Eric Crabb, Bruce Crabb, Sr., Melanie Crabb Murphy; nieces Tara Moulder, Deidre Murphy, Kim Forts, Terri Patton, and Victoria Crabb; nephews Derrick Murphy, Jr. and Bruce Crabb, Jr., as well as, a host of beloved cousins, extended family and friends.

The family extends our sincerest gratitude for the outpouring of love from friends, family and colleagues during our time of bereavement. We give special gratitude to Manchester Court Assisted Living and Memory Care for so lovingly caring for our Donna. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions in honor of Donna Crabb to Emory Brain Health.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 12-7:30 PM. Please express your condolences here on our website. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. ROCKDALE CHAPEL 1999 Hwy 138 SE Conyers, Ga. 30013 (770)285-6673.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 12:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Rockdale Chapel
1999 Hwy 138 SE
Conyers , GA 30013

Tribute Wall

EF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayer, because he cares for you. Truly sorry for your loss.*

Evans family - August 24, 2021 at 12:19 PM

JA

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family. Ms. Donna was a beautiful soul. I so miss our conversations and the love she showed me and my children from the day we met on the strength of of friendship and love she had for my father. She treated us like family. Rest in heaven.*

JANELLE - August 19, 2021 at 05:53 PM

IK

My condolences to the Crabb family . 🙏🙏

Irvin C Knight - August 19, 2021 at 10:51 PM

DK

Donna was a beautiful person inside and out, and she will be truly missed. Thanks for the love she showed to me and my daughters. I moved to Atlanta in 2008, and she helped me with a temp job at Emory University which turned into a full-time position. My prayers will continue to be with you Jennifer and your family. "We love Donna!"

Debbie King-Miller - August 20, 2021 at 11:48 AM

CJ

“ *Donna's generosity; her ability to connect with people in ways that made them feel valued; her graciousness in sharing her wisdom; and that brilliant smile make her unforgettable. She left such a profound impact on so many. My deepest condolences to the Crabb family. May Donna rest in grace and peace.*

Carol Flowers St. John - August 19, 2021 at 01:21 PM

TS

“ I am so blessed to have been able to spend what I didn't know was last months and days with Donna. She knew who I was and truly liked my visits with her especially when I came bearing assorted chocolates. She talked, had me laughing I think the visits did me more good than her. When I left I would report back to Jen, my mom and sister. I'm going to miss my friend, but God knows best



Theresa Simmons - August 19, 2021 at 12:00 PM

VM

“ My deepest sympathies to you and Family! So sorry for your loss of a wonderful Lady Blessed to have met her❤️



Venus Miller - August 19, 2021 at 09:11 AM