



Donna Rosamond Siggins Bashford

July 3, 1945 - October 15, 2015

Donna Bashford passed away from complications related to cancer on October 15, 2015. She was born July 3, 1945, to Donald and Rosamond Siggins in Cody, Wyoming, the youngest of three children. She grew up on a ranch on the South Fork of the Shoshone River 40 miles from town. Donna attended elementary school in a one-room school, the Valley School, and graduated from Cody High School. Donna met her husband, Howard Bashford, while attending the University of Wyoming. They were married on August 29, 1964, and recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. They lived primarily in California, Arizona and Utah.

Donna was the loving mother of six children: Perilynn Krieger, Troy (Lisa) Bashford, Twila (Brian) Bisk, Lisa (Ryan) Cuff, Bradley (Annette) Bashford, and Benson (Kyle) Bashford. Donna found great happiness in the activities of her children and 24 grandchildren. Her greatest joy was being around them. She loved being referred to as “Nana” by her children, grandchildren and friends, and one of her favorite sayings was “My Best Friends Call Me Nana”.

Donna taught her family by example how to find joy and happiness in life through service to others. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She particularly enjoyed working with children and young women and had a natural ability to find those who needed a friend and someone to love them. Her door was always open to anyone in need of a friend. Donna loved everything related to the outdoors: animals and wildlife, her chickens, and her garden. She was known in the neighborhood as the chicken-lady as she frequently gave away the eggs her chickens produced to her neighbors. She will be sorely missed by her family and many friends.

Funeral Services will be held 10:00 am, Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the LDS Chapel at 1111 E. Knox Road, Tempe, Arizona. Visitations will be on Friday, October 23 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm and Saturday prior to services, from 9:00 to 9:45 am both at the LDS Chapel on Knox Rd. Interment will be at the Mesa City Cemetery directly after the service.

Comments



“ Sorry for your loss. My mom (Michelle McArthur or previously known as Sharp) informed me of her passing along with Ryan Cuff. I remember how my brothers and I would swim over there all the time and how welcoming Donna and the Bashfords were to us you made us feel like family. I was in elementary school while living down there and always felt as if the Basfords were my family.
Brock Sharp and family

Brock Sharp - October 23, 2015 at 06:51 PM



“ The Irwins has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

The Irwins - October 22, 2015 at 06:45 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your lost. She is an elect ladies and loved by all. We will miss her.

Janet Foster - October 21, 2015 at 05:11 PM



“ Sending my love to your family. I feel blessed to have known Donna. What a great woman.

Lisa Lambert McDermott - October 21, 2015 at 11:27 AM



“ Although I am new in Arizona, I am imressed by the fact that Howard and Donna were so nice to us, young people from other countries. I am sure that Donna will be happy in the heaven now, we are happy for her.
Pingbo

Pingbo Tang - October 21, 2015 at 10:36 AM



“ Thank you for being the best Sunday School teacher. I miss You!!

Brianna Boirum - October 20, 2015 at 10:01 PM



“ Love to Howard, PeriLynn and the Bashford family! Donna helped make My move to Tempe, AZ an easy one with her sincere gift of being a friend. So thankful that we know "THERE IS PEACE IN KNOWING LOVE GOES ON FOREVER"

Sharon Peterson - October 20, 2015 at 09:41 PM



“ I love you, mom! I am so grateful that 'families can be together forever.'"

Twila Bisk - October 19, 2015 at 10:13 PM



“ Dear Bashford family, I'm so sorry to learn of your loss. I loved Donna as my YW leader and whenever I think of that stage of my life, she is the YW leader I most often remember. She made everyone feel as if they were a part of the family and was always so kind and welcoming. I loved spending time in Howard & Donna's home and babysat the Bashford children on several occasions. So many fond memories from my days in Ukiah! My thoughts and prayers are with your family as you adjust to life without her...until you meet again in heaven. Warm hugs to each of you!

Sheri Jones Drennan - October 19, 2015 at 04:07 PM