



Donna Reed Mathena

December 30, 1950 - July 10, 2020

Donna Lynn Reed-Mathena was the oldest of three beautiful daughters born to the late Eugene Reed and Beulah Young Reed on December 13, 1950 in Memphis, TN.

Donna was a proud graduate of Manassas High School, Class of 1968. She completed a bachelor's degree from the University of TN Chattanooga and a master's degree from Tennessee State University. Her passion was the education of children. During her early career, she served as the daycare center director for several centers, including the Salvation Army and Whiz Kids. Donna conducted training for the Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) for childcare providers in Memphis and Northern Mississippi for many years.

Donna prepared college students for careers while employed as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Memphis and Southwest TN Community College (Southwest). She earned a reputation as an excellent college instructor through hard work, compassion for her students, and professional support of her colleagues. At Southwest, she was awarded a full-time psychology instructor position and was also promoted to Assistant Professor in Social and Behavioral Sciences. Donna retired from Southwest in 2019.

Family was first priority in Donna's life. She was devoted to her mother, Beulah Reed Montgomery (deceased) and husband, Carl Mathena (deceased). She and her two sisters, Denise (deceased) and Jeanie, were very close throughout their lives. Her nieces, nephews, and their children were deeply loved as if they were her own. She was their consistent cheerleader in encouraging them to pursue excellence in all areas of their lives. The extended family of cousins created a village that will forever define the family legacy for future generations.

Cemetery

Memorial Park Fountain Crest

5668 Poplar Ave.
Memphis, TN, 38119

Events

JUL 18 **Graveside Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ To my oldest sister. I thank God for the memories we have created through the years. Not all in person, but mostly over the phone. I will cherish the memories we ALL shared, especially at Jeannie's wedding. I had so much fun. Donna Lynn, Denise and Jeannie, I always described your sisterhood to the sisters on the Soul Food Series. They are so close. What a blessing!

Love you and will miss you.
Your baby sister Denise in Buffalo, NY

Denise Robinson - July 15, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ My condolences goes out to the Mathena and Reed family for your great loss. Jeff (her nephew in Buffalo) tells me that Aunt Donna always served as a mentor for him. I thank her very deeply for having a significant influence in his life. My prayers go out to her family in Memphis, Buffalo and elsewhere especially in a time where family can't come together when they need it the most.

-Jazmin Ruiz Reed

Jazmin Ruiz - July 14, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ Lester and Annette Dickens
No words can comfort this family on the loss of 2 sisters. God can only heal their hearts and minds. God will take care just trust and believe. Your tears are temporary.. Because God will wipe all tears away. So family Donna Lynn and Denise are resting in the arms of our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I'm always a phone call away.

Lester and Annette Dickens - July 15, 2020 at 01:02 PM