



Mrs. Donna Joye Baldwin

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Donna Joye Mays Baldwin was born on February 7, 1938, and died on May 29, 2023 from Alzheimer's. Donna moved frequently in her childhood living primarily in Kentucky. She graduated as valedictorian from Wingo High School in Wingo, Kentucky in 1956. She married John Walter Baldwin on August 15, 1956. They enjoyed 66 years of marriage together. Donna spent most of her adult life as a wife and mother enjoying taking care of her husband and boys. For several years she worked at the Riverwood Church of Christ Day School. She taught Bible classes at Riverwood for decades eventually ending that role in 2020. She loved to bake, and she loved to share her baked goods. One of her specialties was banana nut bread and she would share this with family, friends, doctors, and neighbors. Donna was an encourager. She primarily encouraged through the written word. She would write letters and notes to encourage and share. Hundreds of notes written each year of her life provided encouragement to the recipients. Donna loved to sing. As a teenager she sang at weddings and other events. Her love of music permeated her home. Her house is filled with tapes, CDs, and albums. Donna loved hymns and Southern Gospel music as well – The Imperials and The Gaithers among her favorites.

Donna was proud to be one of the children of Neville and Thelma Mays. She grew up in a loving family and came to know and love Jesus through them. She was the oldest of four siblings. She often told stories particularly about her brother Kent who was the second born. They shared their childhood together through thick and thin. Her younger siblings, Lana and Ron, were so precious to her. She loved them all dearly.

For 66 years she shared life with John. They shared the ups and downs of marriage. Together they raised two sons and welcomed two daughters by marriage. As their family grew with grandchildren, Donna delighted in spending time with them. Their years of marriage provided lots of opportunities to affirm their love for each other and to learn to love through challenges.



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Donna is survived by her husband John, her son Jon and his wife Cindy, and her son Dana and his wife Barbara. She reveled in her four grandchildren: Kyle, Danielle, Spenser, and Maria and found great delight in her great-grandchildren: Garrett, Braxton, Ellis, Cullen, Olivia, Sadie, and Presley. Her brother Kent passed away in 2020. She dearly loved her siblings Lana and her husband Howard and Ron and his wife Mary, and Kent's wife, Malinda. Her many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family were very special to her.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 1, from 12 pm until 2 pm at Riverwood Church of Christ 1904 McGavock Pike in Nashville. A Celebration of Life Service will take place at 2 pm. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Donna loved God and her faith was deep. Her love for family found its fullest expression because of her love for God. To God be the glory.



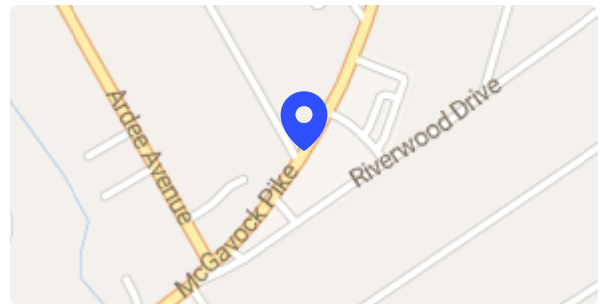
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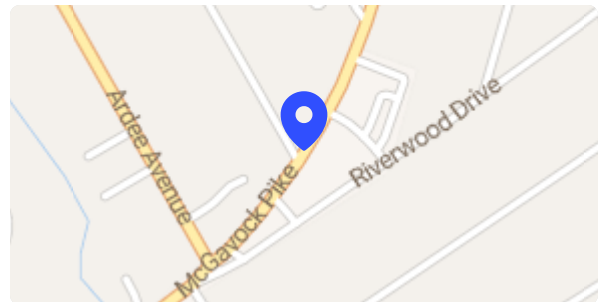
Visitation

- Thursday**, June 1, 2023
- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT
- Riverwood Church of Christ**
1904 McGavock Pike, Nashville TN 37216



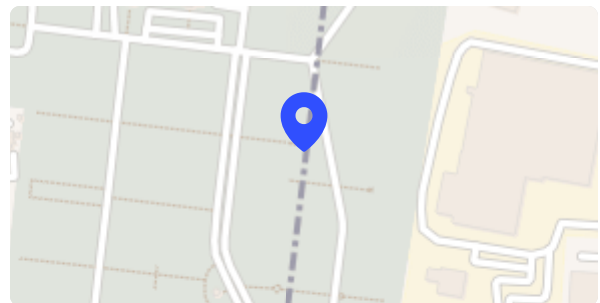
Celebration of Life

- Thursday**, June 1, 2023
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT
- Riverwood Church of Christ**
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Cemetery Details

- Woodlawn Memorial Park**
660 Thompson Lane, Nashville TN 37204





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Bonnie Evkert posted:

Donna was such an inspiration to everyone she new and everyone she was related to! Donna is now with her Lord 🙏😊

June 1 at 1:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Baldwin family.



May 31 at 11:51 AM



Ann Shelby Harris posted:

I remember many happy times, playing soft ball and riding bikes with Donna Joyce and her brother Kent in Wingo. My brother Charles, Kent, Donna Joye and I lived near each other and attended the same school all the way to high school graduation. I remember when she and John began dating. I double dated several times with a boy named Jimmy and them. She was a wonderful Christian friend and will be terribly missed. I especially will miss her lengthy Christmas letters! My sympathy to John and the rest of the family. I know the hurt of losing a spouse. God be with you.

May 31 at 11:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Baldwin family.



May 31 at 6:25 AM



Sue Fite lit a candle in honor of Donna.

In remembrance of a dear friend and classmate.



May 30 at 1:58 PM



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PS

Paul Stephens posted:

Donna always had a very kind word for me every time that I saw her. When you met her you were no longer a stranger but became a friend.

May 30 at 10:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Baldwin family.



May 30 at 6:49 AM

EF

Eddie And Mary Finks posted:

I don't believe I have ever had a mental picture of Donna unless it is with a smile on her face. She was one truly beautiful lady. I know she was welcomed into Heaven with a "well done" on the lips of our Lord Jesus Christ. We celebrate today knowing that she is a perfect spirt now in the arms of our Lord with no more pain or tears. May the Lord Bless and comfort you in these days to come. Eddie and Mary Finks

May 30 at 3:15 AM

SD

Steve & Deborah Fly lit a candle in honor of Donna.

Steve Deborah lit a candle in memory of Donna Baldwin

May 29 at 6:58 PM



JW

Jetty Waggoner posted:

She was such a special lady and a joy to be around. Prayers for the family. She will be miss. She was my momma Donna.Jetty Byrn Waggoner

May 29 at 5:22 PM



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June Cherry posted:

So sorry to hear of my sweet friend passing, she was my schoolmate for many years, We enjoyed fun times together, We always looked forward to seeing Donna and John at our class reunions, She will be missed by the Wingo class of 1956. Prayers for the family. June Cherry

May 29 at 4:31 PM



Brenda Willett - Mayfield, Ky lit a candle in honor of Donna.

Sympathy, prayers and love to John, Jon and Cindy, Dana and Barbara and each of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Malinda, Howard, Lana, Ron, Mary, nieces and nephews. I am so grateful that I was blessed to receive some of her pure love and encouragement.

May 29 at 1:25 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donna by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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