



Donna Hawley

October 18, 1962 - April 23, 2017

On Sunday, April 23rd, Donna passed away after a 3 ½ year battle with Ovarian Cancer. Donna was diagnosed in September 2013 and began her fight to beat this difficult cancer. She endured many rounds of chemo and radiation. She continued to live her life to the fullest as she battled her cancer. In the last two years of her life, Donna travelled to the Caribbean, California twice, Tahiti, Perdido Key, Puerto Vallarta and Alaska. Donna checked off many items from her bucket list. Some of these included fly fishing, catching a big fish and mounting it and display it on her home and sleeping in a hut over the water in Tahiti.

Donna was born October 18, 1962 in Houston, Texas. She was raised in Carthage, Texas

She graduated from Carthage High School in 1981. Attended and graduated Panola College in 1983. Went onto Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches, Texas. She graduated in 1985 with a Bachelors of Business Donna had plans of becoming a lawyer but those plans changed when she began working for Coca-Cola Enterprise in Austin, Texas in February 1988. Her career with Coca-Cola took off and she never looked back. She began a long career in the Information Technology department.

In August 1991, she met the love of her life, Debbie Jean Edmondson. After many years together and a change in the law, they had a wedding on the beach in Perdido Key, Florida in June 2015.

Preceded in death, Mother, Tommie Ruth Hawley; Father, James Harold

Hawley; Beloved grandparents Horace and Mabel Hawley (fathers side) and grandmother, Lois Opal Morse (mothers side).

Survived by loving wife of 25 years, Debbie Edmondson-Hawley of Smyrna, Ga, sister Sharron Bryant of Marshall, Texas, niece Starla Bickerstaff and husband Paul and great-niece Payton, nephew, Stephen Wilkerson of Thornton, Colorado.

Donna was active in sports most of her life. She played basketball in High School and College, softball and golf. She loved to fish. She would fish for any type of fish. She would travel to Texas in April to spend a week with her best friend Tammye Hudson and the two of them would fish every day. Tammye would travel to Georgia on several occasions to join Donna at her lake house and fish from dawn to dusk.

In lieu of flowers, Donna would appreciate donation in her name to the Georgia Ovarian Cancer Alliance.

Services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with visitation one hour prior from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow in the Douglas Cemetery in Douglas, Texas under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Douglass Cemetery

Douglass, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Service

APR **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Hawley



Hawthorn Funeral Home - April 28, 2017 at 01:10 PM

CK

God Bless and best wishes to Donna's family. There are no words that can replace what you have lost. Sending prayers and kind thoughts your way. I will miss her smile, funny stories, and quiet strength. She was a great woman.

Cheryl King - April 28, 2017 at 08:31 PM

KL

So sorry to hear of Donna's passing. Sincere condolences to Debbie and the family. Rest in Peace, Donna.

Kristi Layhon - April 29, 2017 at 01:51 PM



“ Donna, I will always be able to hear your voice and laugh in my mind. You are missed every day but will live in our hearts forever. Love you and I promise to look after Debbie everyday.



Sandy Edmondson - July 30, 2020 at 04:24 PM

PL

“ *She will be truly missed. She was such a kind person. She was so nice to me in high school. Already missing her facebook posts.*
Penny Parker Lowrey

Penny Parker Lowrey - June 28, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ *We only had the pleasure of Donna's company a few times in the last few years but she was an amazing woman. She had such a wonderful spirit and a brightness about her. She was the best kind of person you'd ever know. I know her light shines bright in heaven now and we will miss you!*

Terri Lunsford - April 30, 2017 at 10:40 AM

LS

“ *Donna may you rest in peace. Loved by many and missed by all. DebbieEdmondson-Hawley we are keeping you in our thoughts as you and family face the challenges of a life without Donna (always in your hearts). We love you. Tammye we have you in our thoughts too. A lovely story of Donna's life and times. Thank you for sharing your BC with the rest of us.*



Lori Simmons - April 29, 2017 at 05:25 PM

KG

“ *Kim Garrett lit a candle in memory of Donna Hawley*



Kim Garrett - April 29, 2017 at 11:07 AM

KG

To my friend Donna may you Rest In Peace. Heaven truly has gained an angel. I will always treasure the time we spent together. Thanks for being a friend and mentor. I love ya! ❤️

Kim Garrett - April 29, 2017 at 11:13 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Debbie, Donna's family and all of her friends. Donna was an amazing and inspirational woman, and I am lucky to have known her.*

Dani Duncan - April 29, 2017 at 10:54 AM

KK

“ *This is one of my favorite memories... Have to take you back to the late 80's... Donna and I played softball together in a league in San Antonio. We would trade driving. She had this little Ford pick up... 260+ Air Conditioning system.. (2 windows down at 60+ mph) and rather large side mirrors... We driving along in 260+ mode as were running a little late. We hear this loud bang... neither of could tell what it was, where it came from. The truck was still running so we just kept going. We pulled into the parking lot and Donna looked over .. she just started laughing.. uncontrollably. What's so funny, says I? Well, seems that loud bang we heard was us hitting a bird at 260+ with the passenger side mirror. There was "stuff" on me, a big dent in her mirror, the most perfect outline of me in her back glass and a feather hanging out of my hair. Seems we had hit a bird, the guts sprayed all over my side and the proof was the feather in my hair and the guts in her truck. You just can't make those stories up and they leave a lasting memory when someone very special touches your life, excluding the bird of course. May you rest in peace my friend. Debbie..may your heart be healed from sorrow. You were so loved by her. KK*

Karen KK - April 29, 2017 at 07:57 AM



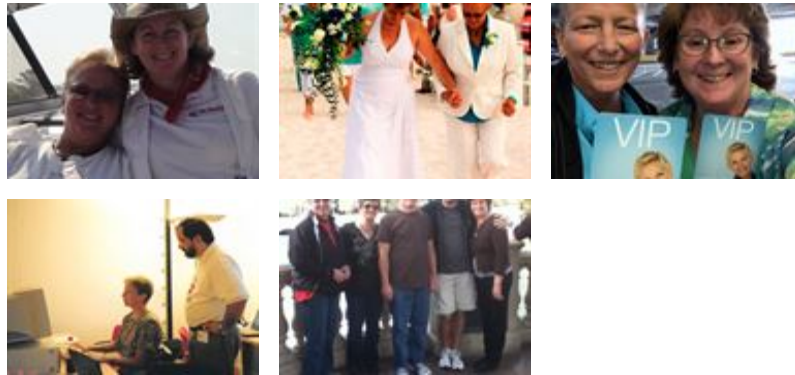
“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Hawley.



April 28, 2017 at 04:38 PM



“ 175 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - April 28, 2017 at 12:27 PM

BC

“ I was truly blessed to have met both of these gals on one of their many adventures. Donna and Debbie complimented each other like salt and pepper. The laughter never ended. I will miss Donna so very much, our late night chats about life and fighting for it. She was very much a fighter! I've learned to live life larger because of her.Rest in Peace, Donna.....
With my sincere love and respect,
Brenda Chappelow



Brenda Chappelow - April 28, 2017 at 12:22 PM

RB

“ Love you trouble, Rest now I will truly miss you, Rachel Brown NSH Infusion Center

Rachel A. Brown - April 28, 2017 at 02:47 AM



“ Some of my favorite times with Donna!



Beth Hampshire - April 27, 2017 at 09:33 PM

DE

“ 71 files added to the album Donna's adventures



Debbie - April 27, 2017 at 08:45 PM

KN

“ Donna was the first person I called "friend" after moving to Georgia. We shared many adventures in our time at Coca-Cola and I treasure each one. While our paths diverged in recent years, and we spent less time together, I never stopped loving her. Her battle with this horrible disease only made her more of a hero to me. Over 20+ years we've been friends Donna has taught me so many things (how to update specific transactions in our software systems, SQL syntax, how to order a beer in Austria, how to have fun on the golf course despite being a lousy player...) and now she has taught me more about living life as we should, being a good friend to others, and the power of prayer. Our hearts ache for Debbie and their family and we continue to pray for their peace.

Karen Noble - April 27, 2017 at 07:32 PM

DB

“ *Debbie and Fleur Bryan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donna Hawley.*



Debbie and Fleur Bryan - April 27, 2017 at 06:33 PM

DC

“ *Donna was a wonderful friend with a kind heart and a wicked sense of humor! Jim and I send our love and wish peace to all of her family and especially to Deb. Prayers during this time. Waiting to celebrate her life soon with Coke friends. Fish on Donna! We love you!!!*



Dawn Chatham - April 27, 2017 at 06:10 PM

KH

Donna was a trooper for sure. She is one to admire and reflect on when you think of ones who left us with fond memories

kay hiott - April 27, 2017 at 06:56 PM

CA

“ *Co-worker, friend, inspiration.....these are words that describe Donna. We traveled together, worked on challenging projects and had lots of laughs. Her wedding was one of the most beautiful occasions I have ever experienced. She lives on in our hearts and fond memories. Much love to Debbie and the families. She will truly be missed.*

Connie Ahalt - April 27, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donna Hawley.*



April 27, 2017 at 05:18 PM



“ *Rest in peace, dear Donna. You will be missed* ❤️

Ellen de Gail - April 27, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Donna from an old friend in Brownwood Thank You for being my Friend ...*

Paul Coghlan - April 27, 2017 at 01:03 PM



“ *-Nancy Foy purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Donna Hawley.*



-Nancy Foy - April 27, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ *What an inspirational soul. I love the relationship that she had with Debbie and Tammye. She will be dearly missed. She treated everyone in a special way. Much love.*



Walta D. Campbell - April 26, 2017 at 01:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donna Hawley.



April 25, 2017 at 05:35 PM



“ *Kathie, Carla Kenton and Barbara* purchased the *Tranquil Seas* for the family of Donna Hawley.



Kathie, Carla Kenton and Barbara - April 25, 2017 at 02:15 PM