



## Donna Marie Geschwind

February 1, 1948 - May 10, 2020

Donna Marie Geschwind, 72, of Lee's Summit, MO, passed away on May 10, 2020 at Wilshire at Lakewood Care Center in Lee's Summit, MO surrounded by some of her loved ones after a nearly 3 year battle with Glioblastoma Brain Cancer.

Born February 1, 1948, in Boston, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Carl & Agnes Neff. She grew up in Kansas City, KS and later moved to Missouri, mostly in Lee's Summit, MO to begin raising a family. After raising her own family and doing in-home daycare as her primary occupation for 25+ years, she continued to touch many lives all over Missouri and Kansas. She spent her life in service to her Christian faith and formed many special bonds with people of all ages. Donna always believed that was God's purpose for her life here on Earth. She loved spending time at church volunteering in the daycare, going on mission trips with friends, and working with the youth at church mentoring them like they were her own grandkids. She loved to bake, especially brownies! When she wasn't delivering them to local businesses and neighbors, she was dropping some by to the grandkids as a special treat or would just invite them over to help her bake them.

She enjoyed attending Christian concerts like the Newsboys and Casting Crowns with her sisters & granddaughters. You would often see her at musicals, plays or a variety of performances of many young talented performers that she supported throughout her community. There wasn't an

invitation that she would pass up if she could help it, even if it meant she was at more than one an evening or would have to leave at intermission to go catch another performance in order to get them all in. Donna was a huge sports fan. It's hard to say who was her favorite team between KC Royals or KC Chiefs but when she wasn't sitting in front of the television to watch those two teams you could find her watching her grandkids Mason, Madison, and Brookelyn playing their sports at almost every game possible. And when she wasn't at their games she was out watching and supporting all the other kids she babysat and watched over the years and who also called her "Grandma Donna". While her 3 youngest grandkids Abigail, Caroline & George didn't play sports just yet, she loved how funny and crazy they were to play and hang out with. She always had sets of Disney and Fisher Price toys on hand for all the grandkids to play with no matter what age. She will always be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

She is survived by son Eric Geschwind (Michelle) of Lee's Summit, MO, daughters Dana Elevier of Independence, MO and Rachel Chantos (Austin) of Blue Springs, MO; 6 grandchildren - Mason Elevier (22), Madison Geschwind (17), Brookelyn Geschwind (14), Abigail Chantos (5), Caroline Chantos (2) & George Chantos (1). She is also survived by 7 siblings - Bruce Neff (Marge) of Oregon, Tom Neff (Linda) of Kansas, Carleen Curry (Mike) of Missouri, Paul Neff (Julie) of Washington, Tim Neff (Mary) of Ohio, Elaine Guertin (Mike) of Kansas, Michael Neff (Penny) of Kansas and by 13 nieces and nephews.

Donna also leaves behind countless friends whose lives she has touched over the years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Agnes Neff and her brother Ronnie Neff.

The family plans to have a Celebration of Life in her honor when all that would

want to attend will be able to so please follow Reflections Memorial Services website for those details.

In lieu of flowers, a scholarship fund is being established in Donna's name so that we may carry on her service in faith/charity and do what she loved doing - sending individuals to church camps or mission trips, adopting a family at Christmas, etc. Scholarship donations can be sent to:

FBO Donna Geschwind Scholarship Fund  
% Pinnacle Bank  
PO Box 6650  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064  
Attn: Eric Geschwind

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ In reading the obituaries in the Kansas City Star this morning, I saw Tom Neff's obituary and it listed his sister, Donna, as predeceasing him. I am so sorry I did not see Donna's obituary when she passed away in May. Donna and I went to grade school and high school together. We had many good times and shared a lot of laughs together. She was such a delight to know. It is obvious from reading the memories posted on the funeral home's website, that Donna was a cherished friend to many, many people and she will be missed. Eternal rest, my friend.

*Marianne Kissinger Duckers  
Kansas City, Kansas*

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**Marianne Duckers** - August 25, 2020 at 03:10 PM

DH

“ Donna was one of the kindest, most caring people i ever knew! She always put her family & church members or anyone else who was in need ahead of her own personal needs & wants! She & I had become very close several years after leaving Oak Tree....we continued to make time in our schedules for an outing periodically. Then after her surgery, i would take lunch & visit when she no longer felt like getting out & we wld eat, visit & pray. I just today found out she has been with Jesus since May 10. I had called Wilshire on June 13 to confirm her room number had not changed & they confirmed it was the same so i mailed it June 13....but today that card got returned to me « no longer here » from Wilshire.

*I will always remember the beautiful person she was, outside & INSIDE throughout! What a loss to this world but what a phenomenal gain to heaven! My condolences & prayers to all the family! May God be with you all!*

*PS-i was going thru a memory box of mine just last week & saw a note she had sent after a mission trip. So many joyful memories about her!*

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**Diane K Harbert** - June 26, 2020 at 03:42 PM

AC

“ Eric my good friend, I miss you much. Wish I could be closer, especially now. Even when the miles between us are great, your family has a place close to our heart. I remember the first time I met your mom. When I extended a handshake, she returned a hug. A great big bear hug! Donna welcomed me as family. She was generous from her heart and showed that with all of our friends and many others. My family and I are deeply saddened for your loss. You have a beautiful family. We keep you in our prayers, Alex and Dori Cambron.

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**Alex Cambron** - May 22, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ I met Donna a while ago when she visited Ohio. I have been lucky to live next door to Tim Neff and that brought my family to meet Donna. She came over and we played cards, chatted, and before you knew it the time flew by... what a delightful lady! She brought us laughter and so much fun. I felt like I had known her all my life and from there on, I always asked Tim about her. We were lucky to see her again in her niece's graduation party.  
The Moshiri family sends their deepest sympathy.

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**Ahmad Moshiri** - May 21, 2020 at 07:04 PM

EG

“ Thank you all for sharing your memories of Mom. It makes me smile (and maybe a little teary) to read stories of the people that she loved and affected outside of our immediate family. I can assure you that Mom truly cherished your families like her own. I can't tell you how often over the course of my life, a mom story would begin with, "You know so and so," (insert son eye roll) and then go on to tell a detailed story of how a child was going to be in the school play, or how someone's mother was sick in the hospital, or had an older brother who had a heart attack, or some other life event, both the excitement and challenges.

*She was invested in every one of your families' lives and stories. She did have a very special spot in her heart for little ones, always did. But her passion for her relationships certainly didn't stop there. Before she herself went through her battle, she would spend days visiting elderly friends, taking them to lunch or just going to visit. If there ever was someone who could be called a "people person," that was Mom. She loved people!*

*I can go on and on about stories that I know of where mom greatly impacted lives. And there are countless others that I probably never heard about. It was a big part of who she was. So to each of you who got to experience her love and her time, which she gave endlessly, know that she got just as much out of your friendship and love. It's probably the thing I was most proud in being able to call her MY mom. It reminds me that every day we don't know who's life we are affecting and there is always an opportunity because there are always people in need.... of friendship, of time, of charity, or of love.*

*Much love to all  
Eric*

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Eric Geschwind - May 19, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Marie Geschwind.*



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May 18, 2020 at 04:50 PM

 Marla Stout

“ *Donna was recommend as a fabulous housekeeper and child care provider when our two daughters were babies. My children loved her endlessly and would often invite her to every event just like they would a grandparent since their biological grandparents have either passed or live a great distance from us. Donna was a friend to my husband and I, always ready to offer a much needed laugh, a shoulder to cry on, or just an ear to listen. My life has forever been touched with her light. As my children have grown and with her illness we have seen less and less of her, but when we did see her, she was always happy and smiling. She loved her family endlessly and spoke of them often because she was so proud of each of her children and grandchildren. She will be very missed.*

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**Marla Stout** - May 18, 2020 at 03:58 PM

KI

“ *I am so sorry for you loss. Donna will always be remembered as a caring, loving mother and wife! I will never forget this beautiful woman!*

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**Kim** - May 18, 2020 at 12:32 PM

SP

“ Donna was always so sweet and kind, she always Showed her appreciation for any thing you did for her or her children. Love and prayers to all her loved ones❤️ Shirley Little and Bridget Pitts

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**Shirley Little and Bridget Pitts** - May 18, 2020 at 09:42 AM

BH

“ Donna was always a smiling, fun and a caring lady! There is a hymn verse, I believe “you can tell she’s a Christian by her love”. Donna walked the talk! Rest in heavenly peace Donna! I know you are there!

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**Bob Hill** - May 18, 2020 at 01:19 AM

AR

“ Donna was like a second mother to me during a season of my life in which I was raising my 5 young kids far away from my own mother. I met her when she would hold my babies in the church nursery so I could attend Mothers of Preschoolers meetings. She was truly the hands of Jesus to me. For 12 years she has been an important part of my life. She made my family feel as if we were a cherished part of her own family. She often called to check on me. She sent notes of encouragement. She was always available when I needed her help. She attended my kids’ dance recitals, took me on much needed outings and even joined us for a Christmas Eve Mass. I love her dearly and can honestly say my life is richer because I was blessed enough to know her.

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**Ann Rastorfer** - May 17, 2020 at 11:05 PM