



Donna Louise Black

November 20, 1946 - June 4, 2023

The kind and loving spirit of Donna Loesch Black transitioned on June 4, 2023. Donna was born November 20, 1946 in Denver, CO to Mary Louise Boulan Smith and George Omar Smith. Donna felt blessed to be a “military brat” spending her childhood in Hawaii, Texas, Iceland, England, and Virginia before her parents retired in Texas. Donna was always the adventurous big sister to Gregory Omar Smith and Georgeann Peters McNicholas, playing cricket, building soap box cars and rafts, horseback riding, and waterskiing. Donna was a cheerleader and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, Springfield, VA in 1964 and from the University of Texas with a bachelors degree in Physical Education. Donna worked for Rod Kennedy assisting with the production of the Kerrville Folk Festival in its early years. Donna married Neil Loesch in 1968 and had two sons, Aaron Neil Loesch and Adrian John Loesch of whom she was so very proud. She enjoyed gardening and arts and crafts while caring for her young children. Donna married Robert Black in 1993 and loved playing tennis, snow skiing and sharing her life with Robert. Donna worked as a paralegal for Arnold White & Durkee before retiring. She found great satisfaction volunteering for many years with the West Houston Assistance Ministries (WHAM). Donna loved spending time at the Highland Haven home on Lake LBJ. She loved to read and dreamed of becoming an editor one day.

Donna will be heartfully missed by her aforementioned husband, sons, brother, and sister and her other family members: Judy Besse, Libby and Zackary Chaky, Amber Black, Corbin and Stacy Black, Alyssa Gushwa, Taylor Black, Robert Black, Jr., Justin Peters, Kyle and Sachiko Peters, Jennifer Peters, Michelle and Corey Sutherland, Colin Hudson, Cara Hudson, Jaxon Peters, Jessica Peters, Leon Peters, and Allen Peters.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Grace Presbyterian Church on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Donna wanted donations made to the World Central Kitchen in lieu of flowers.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was scrolling through the obits for a family members details and just saw this notice. My heart was shocked and saddened. I worked with Donna so many years ago at Baker Hughes and then we lost touch after she left the company shortly after her marriage. I've often thought about her from time to time and wondered how she was doing. She was so sweet, friendly and had a great listening ear as I was a newly divorced single mother. Gosh she was such a wise a caring person and work colleague. My prayers are with her family during this time. All my love, Theresa (Bustamante) Evenbly

Theresa - January 08, 2024 at 04:46 PM

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“ Dear Robert & Family:

I opened the newspaper this am and my heart has been heavy since seeing the notice of Donna's passing. My sincere sympathy to you and the family.

I worked with Donna many years at AWD and remember her for her kind and helpful manner. We shared a lot of lunch hours together. She loved you and the family, that was clear.

May God provide you his love and the knowledge He is there for you and will provide us all life everlasting.

I'm very sorry but I will not be able to attend her services.

Peggy Ratcliffe

Peggy Ratcliffe - June 18, 2023 at 11:24 AM

“ Donna was a good friend for over 50 years. Even though we lived across the country from each other not long after college, telephone calls and visits together kept our friendship a high priority through the years. She was a beautiful bridesmaid at my wedding and my husband Jerry became her new friend immediately. Donna was unique in offering her friendship and help when needed to all.

She was a huge inspiration for me while managing the ups and downs in her life. Donna was a loving mother to sons Aaron and AJ who were her greatest joy. She encouraged, supported, and could not contain how proud she was of the little boys as they grew and became the exceptional men they are today. Donna's brother and sister, Greg and Georgeann, and their children were family members of huge importance and she always kept up with where they were and what they were doing.

It was an exciting day when Donna and Robert decided to share their lives together. They seemed a perfect fit as a couple from the beginning and were blessed to enjoy many years together. The family unit expanded but Donna had plenty of love for all. It was in her nature to make sure that everyone was happy, and she continued to share her love of life and enthusiasm with so many.

My early memories include weekends spent water skiing at the lake with Donna's family including the mornings being awakened by her father, George, throwing water on our faces and saying, "time to get up!" We laughed when Donna arrived home late from a date and found an alarm clock sitting outside the front door, just a subtle hint that she was in trouble, again! Donna had the courage to be my first passenger after I obtained my pilot's license. We had a wonderful flight though her parents were not happy after learning of our escapade. Oh, we did have fun together! So many thoughts of Donna that I will cherish remembering her as a loving friend, a confidant, and an exceptional woman who blessed my life and is a part of me forever.

Carolee Stewart - Eustis, FL

Carolee Stewart - June 17, 2023 at 10:47 AM