



Donna Reedy

May 8, 1939 - August 9, 2014

Donna Reedy entered into new life with her Savior in the early morning hours of Aug. 9, 2014.

Donna was a longtime resident of Bourbonnais, but since 2012 had been living in Manteno Springs Assisted Living Facility. Surviving are her sister, Mardell Quiroz; daughter, Lisa Straw; husband, John; son, Ethan Reedy, and his wife, Wendi; and five grandchildren, Austin and Christian Straw, and Calvin, Josiah and Lily Reedy.

Visitation will be from 4:15 p.m. Friday until the 5 p.m. memorial service at College Church of the Nazarene, 200 University Ave., Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to the Morgan Family Scholarship Fund at Olivet Nazarene University.

Donna's earliest recollections were of singing with her family. During World War II, Donna's parents were travelling evangelists for Church of the Nazarene. Her father preached and her mother would sing. When Donna was only 2, she became an integral part of their traveling ministry. She would sing solos and when she couldn't be heard, her dad would whisper loudly, "Sing louder, Donna!" She learned that lesson well at an early age. Her father eventually became a full-time pastor, leading several Nazarene churches in rural Indiana and Michigan. She taught herself how to play piano and guitar.

She had a natural ear for harmony and enjoyed playing the piano until the very end of her life.

Donna attended Olivet Nazarene College where she gained many life-long friends and met her husband of 27 years, David Reedy. They eventually settled in Bourbonnais with their two children, Lisa and Ethan. The Reedy family became very involved in the life of College Church. Donna sang in the choir and provided frequent special music. She directed the women's ministry and became known in the community for the Christmas house walks she produced.

She loved her children, her children's friends, her grandchildren, and her fellow members of College Church. She was known for always having an opinion, but also for always being willing to listen and provide wisdom and comfort. Most of all, she loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and always proclaimed God's faithfulness to her. She knew her eternal home was in heaven and she had no doubt that she would see God face-to-face when her work on earth was done.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 15. 5:00 PM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene
200 University Ave.
Bourbonnais, IL
(815) 933-7749
<http://www.collegechurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

AC

“ Periodically my phone would ring and it would be Donna calling. After an hour or so of conversation, we would hang up but there was still more to discuss. :) She had a wide range of interests and connected with her listener. So delighted she is now pain free and rejoicing with our Lord. Prayers for you the family. I know you are never really prepared.

Arlene Chenoweth - August 14, 2014 at 08:22 PM



“ Vicki Sanford-Tousignant lit a candle in memory of Donna Reedy



Vicki Sanford-Tousignant - August 14, 2014 at 08:13 PM

LK

“ Lisa I'm so sorry to hear about your mom! It's never easy and there's nothing anyone can say to make your pain go away. Only time can make it better. Your mom was always kind to me when I would go to your house. Prayers to you all. Lia Kemnitz



Lisa Kemnitz - August 14, 2014 at 06:19 PM

BH

“ Donna resided at Bickford House at the same time as my Mother, Shirley Schuchman. She was always so kind to my Mom. I took my young Granddaughter to visit and Lucy always recognized Donna and sat at the piano in the basement and played "Jesus Loves Me" and sang with her on several occasions. I will always remember the kindness Donna extended to my mother while they both resided there. My deepest sympathy is with your families. Bonnie Harpin

Bonnie Harpin - August 14, 2014 at 05:21 PM

LL

“ I was surprised and saddened to learn of Donna's passing. May the Lord comfort the family. My prayers are with them.

Donna and I sang in the Chancel Choir together at College Church. She did sing loud, but so did I. Both of us sang with our parents at an early age and also long before modern sound systems. We learned to sing loud and to pronounce the words clearly. The Morgans were good friends of my parents, Rev. & Mrs. Irwin Windoffer. Donna and I shared that history as well as the times together at College Church.

I will miss a smile and hug from Donna when I come to future ONU Homecomings. We would run into each other, hug and then chat like we had never been apart. It was a friendship that we could pick up at any time.

A new and enthusiastic voice has now joined the Heavenly Chorus. Someday Donna and I will sing together again when the Lord gets my choir robe ready and invites me to join the celestial singers. Until then, I have sweet memories of a dear lady and friend who loved the Lord, her family and her church.

*Leora (Windoffer) Legacy
Jacksonville, FL leoranjim@bellsouth.net*

Leora Legacy - August 14, 2014 at 10:04 AM

SM

“ Donna;s love for God, music, and others is what fueled our friendship. She so loved music. "When are you going to come play the piano for me?" was always a part of our conversations in person or on the phone. When I did, I know we could have shared music for hours because we found ourselves saying, "I love that one. How about one more?" Then one more, and one more....good memories! She was encouraging to me. She was also deeply interested in the Bible and what it meant. Her conversations with Troy over the phone concerning the meaning of certain Bible verses were honest and sincere. She was always seeking a better understanding of God and what He wanted for her. She cared about the souls of others and wanted to influence as many as she could for Christ. What a wonderful child of God she was. I loved her "spunky" and genuine spirit. It was my honor and privilege to have known Donna!

Sheryl Martin

Sheryl Martin - August 13, 2014 at 07:11 PM

CH

“ Dear, dear Donna--how I shall miss her! She was one of a kind--she spoke her mind which I really appreciated but in a loving way. One of the times we talked about dying, I told her I was almost jealous she was leaving me behind! She was ready to meet her God and when I heard of her death, I knew immediately she was in His presence--whole and enjoying Heaven! We'll meet again someday!

Charlene R. Hess - August 13, 2014 at 05:09 PM

SS

“ Prayers for the family and friends. I knew Donna when she was at Presence Heritage Village for a while , I enjoyed listening to her play the piano and talking to her . I thanked her for the beautiful music and the memories it brought. God Bless you Donna. Sincerely,
Sondra Stone

Sondra Stone - August 13, 2014 at 11:16 AM

AK

“ Donna was our next door neighbor for many years. My family was...a little loud sometimes, a little crude some other times, and we did not know Jesus. Donna was nice to us, always initiated conversation, always told great stories, always asked about school and sports and whatever we were in to, and she did it because she WANTED to. She wasn't afraid of us and she didn't look down on us. She was a fantastic neighbor. Now that my brother and I know the Lord, we see lots of Christians who turn up their noses on those who aren't saved. Donna taught me that to love others through Christ is not to throw Bibles at them, but to treat them as humans who have feelings and souls. What kind of neighbor are you today? Be the kind of neighbor Donna was. Love your neighbor as Christ loves his children. I'll be thinking of Donna's family during this tough time. God bless.

Angie (Drake) Korn

Angie Korn - August 12, 2014 at 12:15 PM

ER

Thanks so much Angie. My sister and I keep being surprised when people who we never would have even thought of come out to tell us what an encouragement my mom was. Your story makes both of us happy and proud of our mom. It makes us even happier to know that you now know the same hope that Mom did.

Ethan Reedy - August 13, 2014 at 10:33 PM

AK

Ethan, you guys are welcome! Our mom passed away in 2011 and I know now that it's a pain you can't explain until you go through it. You and Lisa and your families are in our prayers in specific ways! Hold on! Praise God.

Angie Korn - August 19, 2014 at 05:04 PM

BT

“*“Donna Reedy” will always be “Mrs. Reedy” to me. Twenty-nine years ago, when I was a teenager, Mrs. Reedy taught me to plant flowers and do landscaping. My sister and I worked for her to earn spending money. That was a huge help to two missionaries' kids on furlough from Papua New Guinea. She was very kind and generous. I still love planting flowers and doing landscaping. Mrs. Reedy contributed to that passion of mine.*

Mrs. Reedy loved God. The joy she knew from following Jesus was evident in her singing and laughter. She had a great voice. Being a Christian didn't make her boring, either. She knew how to have fun -- she was a sort of second mom to many teens from College Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Reedy made good chili as I recall. Until I ate chili at the Reedy's, I didn't know about toppings -- which made it taste even better. Speaking of eating, I remember a discussion about table manners. Mrs. Reedy essentially said to be who you are. She wasn't suggesting bad manners. But she insisted a person wasn't all that if he/she had to put on airs (my words). That stuck with me! Funny what sticks with a person -- but what she said is true. Authenticity -- how refreshing in a world of fakes! Mrs. Reedy was the real deal.

Mrs. Reedy was a great mom. Her two kids are living proof of that! I love this lady. And I will always be grateful to what she added to my life. I know she is with Jesus. And heaven is a lot more fun now! Jesus should try her chili if he knows what's good for him.

God bless you, Mrs. Reedy. And thank you for who you are and what you have given.

*Bill Techau
Champaign, Illinois*

Bill Techau - August 12, 2014 at 09:26 AM

ER

Thanks so much Bill! It has been encouraging and challenging to me to see how many people my mom affected deeply. Thanks for sharing your kind words and good memories. -Ethan

Ethan Reedy - August 13, 2014 at 10:29 PM