

Memorial Service For
Donna Bars Valley

November 4th, 2:00pm

Prayer & Message

Wes Body

Tribute Slideshow

The Early Years

Speaker

Doug Earle

Tribute Slideshow

The YMCA Years

Speaker

Roxanne Davis

Tribute Slideshow

The Later Years

Closing Prayer & Invitation

Wes Body

Toast to Donna

Fork Story read by Michael Valley

In Loving Memory



DONNA BARS VALLEY

MARCH 29, 1943 - SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

In Memory of My Mother

*You were a precious gift from God above,
so much beauty, grace and love.
You touched our hearts in so many ways,
your smile so bright even on the bad days.
You heard God's whisper calling you home,
you didn't want to go and leave us alone.
You loved us so much, you held on tight,
till all the strength was gone and you could no longer fight.
He had called your name twice before,
you knew you couldn't make him wait anymore.
So you gave your hand to God and slowly drifted away,
knowing that with our love **we will be together again some day.***

By Mary Estella

Donna Valley, 78, of Montgomery, Texas, passed away on September 9, 2021. Donna was born on March 29, 1943 to the late John and Lorraine Bars in Lockport, New York. In 1965, she met Michael Valley, and they wed in 1966, going on to have two children (twins), Michael and Michele.

When Donna had Michael and Michele, she decided to dedicate her life to being a fantastic and wonderful mother. Donna's other family was her YMCA family where she worked for 25 years. We will miss her greatly. Donna was predeceased by her beloved husband Michael (Buck) Valley. She is survived by son Michael (Darlene) Valley, daughter Michele (Kurt) Johnson and grandsons Konrad and Konnor Johnson.

The beginning of Donna's YMCA Family Story by Doug

Earle: "In January of 1982, the South Montgomery County YMCA was moving from a trailer office on Sawdust Road to what used to be a mattress store on the feeder road of I-45, just south of Shenandoah. We needed a full-time person to run the office. I put out the word and had about thirty applicants. Being young and "not so smart," I thought I had to interview all of them. Donna Valley was my first interview and I knew she was the right person right away. However, I painfully went through with the other 29 interviews. Then, I called Donna and offered her the position. That was the start of her YMCA career. In 1986, when we built the facility on Shadowbend, we needed someone to handle memberships, so Donna added those responsibilities to her list. I told her to sign up as many members as she could and never let anyone quit. Donna was the matriarch to our mostly younger YMCA staff. She was loved by staff and members alike. Her jovial nature provided a nurturing work environment and the members appreciated her caring attitude. She "threatened" to start working out and I think we got her to walk on the treadmill. Donna was the glue for our YMCA. Hiring Donna Valley was one of the best decisions in my career. She touched the lives of thousands of people in a positive way. She was loved by all."

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YMCA in memory of Donna

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Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35, 37-39

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21: 1-4