



Donna Rae Metzler

June 1, 1959 - July 29, 2020

Donna Rae Metzler, 61, passed away peacefully on July 29, 2020 at her home in the company of her loving family.

Donna was born on June 1, 1959, in Schenectady, New York. She is preceded in death by her parents James Lehmann and Arlene Lehmann.

She is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Matthew Metzler; child, Dana Baldwin (John); brother, Eric Lehmann (Susan); grandchild, Reed Baldwin.

Donna graduated from Indiana University. Donna spent most of her professional career in the hotel hospitality industry where she had the pleasure of working with many of the industry's finest. Donna recently retired from Musselman Hotels where she spent the last 17 years of her career leading hotel sales efforts at numerous properties. Donna enjoyed activities including boating, yard work, attending University of Louisville athletic events, and family vacations to the beach. Her greatest love was the recent birth of her grandson and spending precious time watching him grow.

Visitation: Sunday, August 2 from 3-6 pm at Pearson's Funeral Home, 149 Breckinridge Lane. A memorial service will be held to celebrate her life Monday, August 3 at 10:00 am at Pearson's Funeral Home, with private interment at Cave Hill Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Hosparus of Southern Indiana for their compassion and support. In lieu of flowers, it is the family's wish that donations be made in honor of her life to the New Albany Floyd County Animal Shelter (P.O. Box 1134 New Albany, Indiana 47151).

Cemetery

Events

Cave Hill Cemetery

701 Baxter Avenue
Louisville, KY, 40204

AUG **Visitation** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

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Pearson Funeral Home
149 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

AUG **Memorial Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Donna was determined to be the best in everything, in her career, on the job, but, most importantly, as a daughter, as a wife, as a mother, and lastly, as a grandmother. In all she excelled, with grace, warmth, and consummate hospitality. She treasured her family above all else. She was devoted and dedicated, a real presence, and she will be missed; I have never known a more close-knit family than Donna, Matthew, and Dana. My condolences on the tremendous loss you are feeling now, Matt and Dana, but may the radiance of her memory illuminate the paths that lie before you. She will be there with you, always, I have no doubt.

Herb Metzler - August 04 at 09:08 PM



“ Dana and Matt,

“Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories.” You know Donna and I have been friends for many years. I had no idea that she was sick - since we had not communicated since our annual Christmas card exchange. My prayers are with you and the family.

Vernae Cherry-Goatley



Vernae Cherry-Goatley - August 04 at 09:25 AM



“ Dana and Matt.

Donna was a dear friend who was my direct competition for nearly seven years while I was a DOS at the Residence Inn. I had no idea she was sick. She was the most hospitable and graceful sales person I have ever met. She knew everything about the business and we always maintained friendly competition and kept one another abreast of things in the market. I will miss her dearly. We all lost one of the best in the business. She was Ms Hospitality for sure. Love and prayers to you all

Michele Edison - August 03 at 05:46 PM



“ Matt and Dana,

I'm so sorry for your loss. Donna was the definition of Southern Hospitality and an outstanding member of Louisville hospitality community. I have very fond memories of Donna at The Seelbach where we worked together for many years and through Dana's arrival and growing years. She was a true inspiration as she beautifully balanced work and family. I regret she's been taken from us so early, but she leaves a beautiful legacy and wonderful memories we will all cherish. Donna, May you Rest In Peace.

Mary Mohlenkamp - August 03 at 05:26 PM



“ My name is Leilani Lewis and although I have never met Donna Rae my sister, Collette Ellenberger has told me so many wonderful things about Donna, that I feel as if I did know her.

To her family, please accept my sincere condolences on your loss.

Leilani Lewis

Leilani Lewis - August 03 at 04:32 PM



“ Matt & Dana,

While there are no words to help ease the pain of losing Donna, we hope you will find comfort and peace in the days and weeks to come. The many wonderful memories we share like Donna being the sunshine in the room; a beautiful lady that we miss already. We have an amazing guardian angel watching over all of us.



Sherrie Morris - August 02 at 03:48 PM



“ Matt & Donna,

I met Donna when she was sales manager at the Hilton @ Springhurst. She assisted my company (HJI) each derby with our derby guests. From then on Donna & I became friends. She was a wonderful lady; always ready and willing to help. Her sweet and joyful spirit will be remembered by all who knew her. I am so sorry for your

loss and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Myra G. Howard

Myra G Howard - August 01 at 05:37 PM



“ Dear Matt and Dana: I look back on all the years Donna and I shared, together, working at the Seelbach Hotel, some 33+ years ago. Even though the hospitality industry was very demanding, we always managed to have fun, and frankly enjoyed just sharing those times and had a good laugh or two when things didn't quite work out with a function, especially during the hectic Derby season. When we left the Seelbach, we formed a club called The Seelbach Gals which was comprised of several other Seelbach employees. Through the years, we have attempted to meet monthly for lunch and/or dinner to talk over what was happening in each of our lives. Those times I will sorely miss. I still hear her enthusiasm, her optimism and her thoughtful interest in each of us. Donna, you will always hold a special place, in my heart, thoughts and prayers. As always, God Blesses You, Donna!

Coco Ellenberger - August 01 at 02:53 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Rae Metzler.



August 01 at 10:56 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Donna Rae Metzler.



July 31 at 08:18 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donna Rae Metzler.



July 31 at 03:31 PM



“ Matt and Dana
So sorry Donna has lost her valiant battle to be in your lives. Donna and I had this little inside joke where we called each other the Double D's and people knew to watch out not to get out of line when we were around (LOL, I can hear her little giggle now just saying that)! Hopefully, time will heal both of you and your families as I know Donna would want you to live your lives keeping the thought she is with you always in spirit.
May peace be with you Donna. Love you, Debbie & Charlie Wells

Debbie Wells - July 31 at 02:37 PM



“ Matt & Dana:
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Donna Rae was an inspiration and a 'ray of sunshine'. She always brightened my day, whether it be on a phone call or in person. She was one of a kind, and I am privileged to call her "my friend". RIP Donna Rae, you are missed so much already.
Love and prayers,
Brenda Mills



BRENDA MILLS - July 31 at 12:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donna Rae Metzler.



July 31 at 12:16 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Rae Metzler.



July 31 at 09:45 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Rae Metzler.



July 30 at 10:03 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Donna Rae Metzler.



July 30 at 09:15 PM



“ Rest In Peace, my friend. You will be greatly missed, but knowing you are pain free and in a better place makes it easier to understand why the good Lord took you so soon. Matt and Dana, my thoughts and hugs are with you both.

Ann

Ann Esterle - July 30 at 08:39 PM