



# Donna Ruth Burton-Taylor

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**M**s. Donna Ruth Burton-Taylor was born in Salina, Kansas on March 26, 1963 to Mr. Francis LaMonte Burton and Mrs. Betty Jean Burton. Donna is the older of two daughters.

Donna was a military brat who traveled the world from Kansas to California, from Hawaii to the Netherlands, England and beyond.

She attended several schools throughout her younger years and graduated from Highland High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In the Netherlands while attending Armed Forces Central Europe High School, Donna was the first young lady of color to be placed on the schools cheerleading squad. She was not only recognized as one of the best cheerleaders they ever had but she excelled above and beyond all the cheerleading task requirements. Donna brought charisma and personality to the squad that they had never seen before. The entire squad was featured in the National Netherlands Teen Magazine (their version of Seventeen). They were featured as a unique group of young ladies who brought something different (cheerleading) to the country. Cheerleading was something they were not familiar with and Donna was right there, front and center.

After high school, Donna was accepted into the University of Kansas and majored in Journalism. Donna was an excellent writer who had a vivid imagination to express her writing skills by grasping her readers attention and painting a beautiful canvas on paper.

Around the age of 30, Donna's youthful look captured the eye of a local Designer in Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minnesota. He was so taken by her, that he asked her to be the leading lady in his fashion shows and this allowed Donna to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a model. This launched a platform for her that opened doors of opportunity where she became a chosen favorite for name brand companies such as Best Buy, Vision Works, Finger Hut, Target, and Macy's. She was featured in



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magazines, printouts, billboards, and even made regular cameo appearances on HSN and ShopNBC. In addition, she also was the featured model for a Bridal Boat Show in Florida every year for over 10 years. She would also model for a famous Yacht company in Florida where she demonstrated all the features on the Yachts to entice buyers.

Donna continued to captivate her audiences with her award-winning worthy smile, beautiful bright eyes, long slender legs, and a runway walk that that would make any man pause for the cause! Donna was so head-turning that other local Designers would jump at the chance to design their clothing lines to fit her physic specifically. Donna was a loving and giving individual. She was kind and thoughtful. She cared deeply for others and had a genuine desire to make the world a better place. She was a consistent volunteer for numerous organizations that were dear to her heart. She loved her family and friends and was very proud of her name sake Zoey LaDonna Beane.

Donna received Christ as her personal Lord and Savior around the age of 23. The generational foundation of serving the Lord was a part of her life and even up until her death, she had a heart for Jesus.

Donna leaves behind her mother and father, her Aunts and Uncle, her sister, bother-in-law, her niece, her fiancé, her goddaughter, and many cousins, friends, and loved ones.



# Events


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## Visitation with Family & Friends

 **Friday**, April 9, 2021


 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT


 **Mansfield Funeral Home**  
1556 Heritage Parkway, Mansfield TX 76063

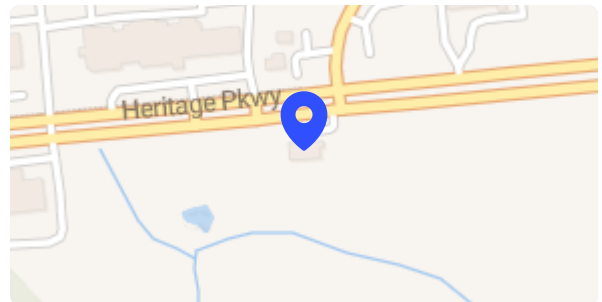


## Visitation

 **Saturday**, April 10, 2021

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT


 **Mansfield Funeral Home**  
1556 Heritage Parkway, Mansfield TX 76063

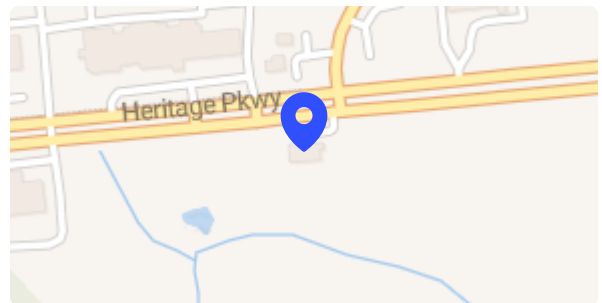


## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, April 10, 2021

 1:00 PM CT

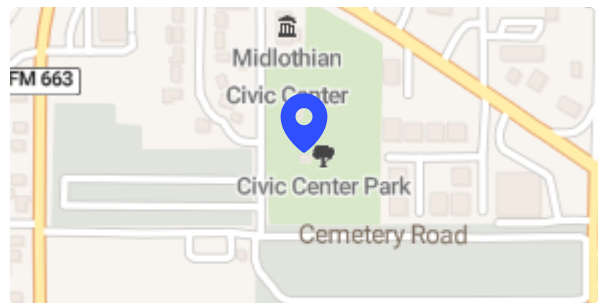
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## Burial

 **Saturday**, April 10, 2021

 **Midlothian Cemetery**  
224 S 11th Street, Midlothian TX 76065





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**Victor Lee** posted:

Our sincerest condolences to the family of Ms. Donna Ruth Burton Taylor. The Lee Family.

April 13 at 6:07 PM



**Leresa Mceaddy** lit a candle in honor of Donna.

Sending my condolences and love to Aunt Betty, Uncle Pete and cousin Franny. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Such a beautiful picture of Donna. Love, Leresa Woodard in Maryland

April 10 at 10:04 AM



**Delois Nedd** lit a candle in honor of Donna.

Dear Family Donna has earned her beautiful wings and she has flown into God's trusted arms! Our love for Donna is deeper and stronger for everlasting to everlasting! We love you, Sister Bunny and Family

April 10 at 7:28 AM



**Delois Nedd** April 10 at 7:32 AM

The Full of Love Bouquet previously sent was from the Burton-Nedd Family



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Burton-Taylor family.

April 9 at 2:12 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Burton-Taylor family.

April 9 at 9:28 AM





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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Burton-Taylor family.

April 9 at 5:10 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Burton-Taylor family.

April 9 at 3:38 AM



**Elijah** posted:

The Lawrence family sends our condolences and love to Donna and her family. We will miss her greatly for her kindness and love she gave. She will always be in our hearts and the family will be in our prayers. With love, from the Lawrence family: Cecelia, Yvette, Larry, Elijah & Dawn and Francoise.

April 8 at 3:56 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Burton-Taylor family.

April 8 at 11:03 AM



**David, Yordania & Joyce Young.** sent an Arrive in Style to the Burton-Taylor family.

April 8 at 7:57 AM





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**Lulu** posted:

I remember always playing with Cousin Donna when the two of us were little and you all were home on visits. I was the older one by at least 5 years so she was really young and little bitty. I always so looked forward to these visits from ya'll. Because finally I had someone to run around and play with. The one time that stands out to me way more than the other play times is when as a little bitty kid, for some reason unbeknownst to anyone, she decides to deep bite me on my back 😬 It totally shocked everyone 😬 not just me! Oh My God, did that hurt like heck 😱😱 Well needless to say, I have a very searing memory of my Cousin Donna which has stuck with me all these many years later 🙄🙄 Kids going thru that biting phase.. 😬 Smh!! These memories may be old and a bit patinaed over by age, but I will always have these little treasured nuggets. They are some of the bits and pieces of the good times me and my Cousin Donna had while playing together as children. Uncle Pete, Aunt Betty & Cousin Franny, I am so very sorry for this great loss to your family. Love all of ya'll dearly ❤️❤️❤️ Lulu...that's what Sandi said...

April 8 at 4:51 AM



**Broderick And Tanika Pierce** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Burton-Taylor family.



April 8 at 4:13 AM



**Tanika Pierce** lit a candle in honor of Donna.

Frances, Bruce and Zoey and family, I'm so sorry for the loss of your sister, sister-in-love and aunt. When I met her, she was a beautiful person, a direct reflection of love like you Frances. I hope that peace and comfort come your way in time. I'm here for you sis, always. Love, Tanika Pierce



April 8 at 4:11 AM



**Johnny J Sargeant** posted:

Aunt Betty and Uncle Pete & Franny, our thoughts and prayers are with you. My little cousin Donna is now in the Ultimate Tot Lot and she is now being watched and loved by Our Loving Father God and Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I can't wait until I am enrolled in that forever Day Care! Love and prayers always! Johnny Jean Kay & Alexander T Sargeant

April 7 at 6:49 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Burton-Taylor family.

April 6 at 6:26 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Burton-Taylor family.

April 6 at 3:36 PM



**John Wilson III** posted:

Please know that Pastor Wilson and the Sanctuary of Praise Family are praying for you during this time. We know that earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. We love you! Pastor & Mrs. John Wilson, III

April 6 at 3:16 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donna by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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