



Donna L. Burkhead

June 13, 1938 - September 2, 2012

Donna Burkhead (nee Loeb), 74, of Bishop Spencer Place, Kansas City, MO , loving mother of Simon “Buddy” J Blattner, III (Sue), Diane Blattner Kresal (Shawn,) and Charles David Blattner (Dionne) passed away quietly in her home, Sunday, September 2, 2012. A memorial service will be held at the chapel in the mausoleum at Rose Hill Cemetery, 6900 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Heartland Hospice, 1001 E. 101st Terrace, Suite 180, Kansas City, MO 64131, 816-943-1798.

Donna was born in Kansas City, MO June 13, 1938, to Laurette G. and Donald J. Loeb. Donna graduated from the Sunset Hill School in 1956, attended Northwestern University, and completed her schooling at the University of Missouri, Kansas City in 1962. Donna had a career that encompassed her love for travel, as a travel agent and meeting planner. These skills served her well as she finished her career as an Administrative Assistant at Hoechst Marion Roussel. Throughout Donna’s long career in travel, she continued to indulge her most significant passion in life - travel throughout the world. She was a member of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, and KCPT. Upon her retirement she served on the Senior Leadership Team of the Johnson County Advisory Board. She volunteered at Mainstream Coalition, the Carlsen Center as a star usher, and as a teacher at Gordon Parks Elementary School.

Donna was first married to Simon J Blattner, Jr. and then John Scott Burkhead. Donna is survived by her sister, Dr. Mary Gendler (Rabbi Everett) of Great Barrington, MA, two sons Buddy Blattner (Susan) of Glenview, IL and Charles Blattner (Dionne) of Juneau, Alaska and one daughter Diane Blattner Kresal (Shawn), one grandson Phillip of Juneau, AK; five granddaughters Rebecca and Ellen Valentine of San Francisco, CA and Alyssa, Kierstyn, and Sophia Blattner, all of Juneau, AK, and four nieces. Donna was predeceased by her brother Milford (Mike) Loeb II. Donna is also survived by her stepmother, Esther O. Loeb of Kansas City. Donna leaves behind her loving companion Maynard J. Rosenbloom of Kansas City.

Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Donna At Don's World Travel in 1969(?). She was very nice to me. I have not seen her in many years. She was great & I learned alot from her.##imported-begin##Roger G. Krantz##imported-end##

September 16, 2012 at 05:30 PM



“ Dear Buddy, Diane, and Charlie - Having just learned of Mom's death my heart aches for loss of your sweet mother whom I remember quite well and liked so much when we were in one another's company. Of all of the people I knew during the time we were together she was among the loveliest. May your hearts always be filled with the love and kindness she gave you. And may her memory always be for a blessing as I will hold it as such. Affection ally, Stuart##imported-begin##Rabbi Stuart Davis##imported-end##

September 15, 2012 at 03:20 PM



“ Dear Maynard,

I am so sorry for your loss.

I also hope that you are feling well.

Sincerely,

Leonard Glass##imported-begin##leonard glass##imported-end##

September 15, 2012 at 10:00 AM



“ My dear Esther and friend Maynard.
Just read of your loss on my computer. Please accept my sincere sympathy and prayers for a very sweet lady.
Fondly, Patsy##imported-begin##patsy dunn shanberg##imported-end##

September 12, 2012 at 08:45 PM



“ Buddy, Charles & Diane,
My deepest condolences over the loss of your mom. Mothers leave such wonderful impressions on our hearts that words cannot express their true worth. Mrs. Burkhead was a wonderful woman. She will be truly missed. Until we share smiles with her again, may the memories she has left behind comfort you and lighten your heart. Job 14:14,15. May you have peace.##imported-begin##Sharon Walker##imported-end##

September 11, 2012 at 05:53 PM



“ Dear Buddy, Diane, and Charlie,
I am so sorry to hear about Donna. Even though we go back a long way, I vividly remember the happy and fun times we shared together. Know that my thoughts are with you at this sad time. Love, Judy##imported-begin##Judith Blattner Klein##imported-end##

September 10, 2012 at 01:18 PM



“ I'm sorry for the loss of your dear loved one, and may you find encouragement from God's word the bible at philippians 4:6,7 "Do not be anxious over anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication along with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God; and the peace of God that excel all thought will guard your heart and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus. (Psalms 83:18)
May you be in peace as you draw to God in prayer.##imported-begin##Mrs Ganaway##imported-end##

September 06, 2012 at 02:37 PM



“ We wanted to offer our condolences on your Mom's passing. Donna was a wonderful friend to my mother, and I know she will miss her terribly.

My memories of Donna go back to my childhood, and I remember her as a funny, energized person who was always nice to be around.

I was lucky enough to have a chance to have her spend some time with my daughter Melanie in Kansas City, and they got along famously. We will miss her.

David Rosenberg##imported-begin##David Rosenberg##imported-end##

September 06, 2012 at 01:14 PM



“ Buddy and family,

You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Wendy & Mike Rose###imported-begin###Wendy Rose###imported-end##

September 05, 2012 at 02:09 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. It was my great pleasure to work with Donna at Marion Labs. She was always willing to help others and share her thoughts and ideas.
Lois Belser###imported-begin###Lois Belser###imported-end##

September 04, 2012 at 10:13 PM



“ Dear Buddy, Dianne and Charlie - it is with great sadness that I have learned of Donna's passing. I will always remember her fondly.

With Sympathy,

Suzann###imported-begin###Suzann Burkhead Bray###imported-end##

September 04, 2012 at 03:01 PM



“ Buddy my thoughts are with you and your family.###imported-begin###Barb Sullivan###imported-end##

September 04, 2012 at 02:24 PM



“ Donna Loeb was a life-long friend. Her parents and my parents were friends, and then Donna was automatically my friend. Our children were confirmed together, and then she became our next door neighbor.

She was bright, a sincere friend, and humble. Being a strong and kind lady made her special. With sympathy.

Barbara Fredkin Fleischer###imported-begin###Barbara Fredkin Fleischer###imported-end##

September 04, 2012 at 01:09 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the Burkhead-Blattner families.##imported-begin##Lance & Amy Rantala##imported-end##

September 04, 2012 at 10:48 AM



“ I would just like to thank Ms.Burkhead family for the honor of letting me get to work with her. She has become an family member to me. We had good times together,we laughed together,watched movies together,& we even sat around & ate her favorite Vanilla ice cream together. I love Ms.Burkhead from the bottom of my heart she will always be remembered in my eyes. Thank yall again. Love Countess##imported-begin##Countess Adams##imported-end##

September 04, 2012 at 10:18 AM



“ Dear Buddy, Diane, and Charlie:

We are saddened to hear of the passing of your mother and our friend Donna.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

May her life be a blessing.

Love,

Jim and Sam##imported-begin##Jim Blattner, Sam Blattner##imported-end##

September 04, 2012 at 12:38 AM