



Donna Gabrick

December 2, 1960 - November 17, 2023

Donna Marie Gabrick, 62, Topeka, Kansas, went home to be with Jesus on Friday, November 17, 2023.

Donna was born December 2, 1960, to Loyal and Nancy Fisher Rees in Topeka, Kansas. She grew up in Topeka and graduated from Topeka West High School in 1978.

Donna met and dated Michael Gabrick for a couple years before getting married on April 29, 1983, celebrating their 40th anniversary earlier this year.

In her early years, she worked in retail at K-Mart. She attended Fellowship Bible Church and was a part of a Women's Bible Study Group. Donna enjoyed cooking meals and desserts for her family and friends, especially her famous cookies that were adored by all. Most importantly though, Donna was a passionate and caring homemaker and grandmother. From working the scoreboard at her daughter's games even though she had no previous interest in sports, to caring for her parents as they got older, Donna was too busy serving her family and taking care of others to have time for many hobbies of her own. She will be greatly missed.

Donna is survived by her husband, Michael; children, Adam Gabrick and Amanda (Matthew) Rice; grandchildren, Khristian, Aiden, Olivia, Zaden,

Bennett, and Henry; sisters, Debra Ross and DeeAnna Dean; siblings-in-law, Rob Gabrick and LeAnne Jones; nieces and nephews, Lindsay (James) McDonald, Jarod Mosiman, Jerra (Mike) Torres, Jaydee Dean, Ashley Gabrick, Justin Gabrick, Thomas Gabrick, Crystal Jones and Alyssa Jones; and many grandnieces, grandnephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Darlene Peavler; parents-in-law, Michael and JoAnne Gabrick; and brother-in-law, Mark Ross.

Family will greet friends on Tuesday, November 21st, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will be Wednesday, November 22nd, at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Donna's funeral service will be livestreamed on the funeral home's Facebook page. You can click this link, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063672125244>.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Fellowship Bible Church and sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Gardens

I-70 & Auburn Road
Topeka, KS 66615

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Gabrick



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - November 20, 2023 at 07:05 PM

PW

*Many years ago we were expecting our second child and needed someone to watch our first child during the birth. Donna willingly agreed to help us. She watched Marissa for a hour or two, then brought her to up to meet her little sister. Donna was always surrounded by children, and they all seemed to instinctively know she was a safe person. She exuded peace and acceptance to all who met her. Her cheerful presence will be tremendously missed on our court!
The Wagners*

Paul and Tracy Wagner - November 21, 2023 at 11:02 PM

SS

“ Donna my friend you are the most beautiful wonderful person inside and out. You were always there for anyone who needed help. We go way back and I loved when we lived together. We had so much fun especially when we were baking pies. I think we had more flour on us and the floor than we had in the pie crust. I'll never forget your VW but it was so fun to drive around when we could get it started. I'll never forget our Kansas City trip in it and we slid on ice and the car turned around facing traffic. I was freaking out and you said I got this and you sure did! You turned us around and got us home safely. You always take care of everyone. I love you so much and will forever miss you. I'm so glad that I will have you in heaven watching over me.

Sheryl Speier

Sheryl Speier - November 22, 2023 at 10:43 PM

PW

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Paul and Tracy Wagner - November 21, 2023 at 11:04 PM

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“ She was so sweet. She knew I liked her sugar cookies. So she'd bring me a little plate. Sometimes she'd bring them me when I drove up at church. Other times she'd bring them to my home. I loved her like a daughter.

laura ,Siebert - November 21, 2023 at 02:48 PM

DR

“ Donna, our family's angel was truly a kind and gentle soul. She was the person who always cared for others, never thinking of herself. She was indeed filled with God's Holy Spirit. As a young child she loved babies. On her third birthday she received a baby doll, and she loved it. God blessed her with two children and six grandchildren. She doted on them. They were the joy of her life. She was an excellent cook. While Dar and I were out riding our bikes and climbing trees, Donna enjoyed being in the kitchen watching Mom and learning all those cooking secrets. Holiday meals were always a feast at Donna's house. Of course my favorite was her Christmas cookies. Donna stayed close to home her whole life. Living just around the corner from our mom and dad in the homestead, she was their constant companion and caregiver. She took them to all their doctor's appointments, and cooked for them when Mom no longer could. She even nurtured animals. At one point when we were growing up she found an abandoned baby wild rabbit in our back yard. She set it up in a box with a blanket, and cared for it until it was old enough to be set free. She accepted several pets into her home (against Mike's wishes) when her children couldn't care for them so they wouldn't end up in the shelter. Her drive to care for people and creatures went above and beyond the call of duty. And now her life's journey is complete. God said her assignment here on Earth is finished, and He has welcomed His good and faithful servant home. Well done, our beloved angel! We loved her so much! Our hearts are broken that we have to be without her now. But Jesus arranged it so we all have a path back to God, and we all will be reunited with our dear loved ones one day. "Loss isn't final....love lasts forever!" The words on one Irish headstone: "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal."



Debbie Ross - November 19, 2023 at 11:18 AM

LT

Beautifully written ! She was a dear friend when I lived in Topeka ... my eyes fill with tears learning her earthly vessel has been quieted . However , her journey has taken her to a place of peace and joy for her good deeds went with her . God had prepared her room Just didn't know it would be this soon . God bless you dear family of Donna . May God keep you strong and enveloped iin His love in the days , weeks, and years ahead .

Laurie

Laurie Toepfer - November 19, 2023 at 03:05 PM

MR

“ *Matthew 5:16*

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

To me, this verse perfectly describes the person Donna was to the world. I am confident that she perfectly fulfilled Gods calling for her life. I believe that the light she brought into the world touched uncountable lives.

From the day that I met her, when her little girl brought home to meet her, she embraced me with open arms. I will forever be grateful that I was able to have her in my life and that Bennett and Henry could have the memories with Grandma that she gave them.

matthew rice - November 18, 2023 at 06:53 PM