



Murna M. Biggs

November 6, 1940 - November 24, 2007

Murna M. Biggs, 67 passed away Saturday, November 24, 2007 at her home following a courageous battle with cancer. Murna was born on November 6, 1940 in Kansas City, KS. At the age of forty (40), Murna attended college to fulfill one of her many dreams - to become a Funeral Director and Embalmer. She graduated Cum Laude in 1983 with an Associates Degree in Mortuary Science and was awarded The Director Award from Kansas City Community College. She was the past Treasurer of the Kansas Embalmer's Eye Eucleator's Association. Murna began working in the funeral industry in 1983 and moved to Topeka in 1984 where she practiced her profession as a Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer. She retired in 2003 from The Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home. After retiring Murna spent her time at her home, which she shared with her dog Scooter and bird Pooper. She loved her pets as she loved her family and friends. She touched many lives throughout her life and career. Murna took great pride in sincerely caring for and helping the families she served during the loss of their loved ones. Other than her "boys" and grandchildren, very few people knew her other passion was ballet. Survivors include her son; Donald E. Biggs, his wife Sabine and their daughter Carly, all of Kansas City, KS., son; Edward W. Biggs and his children Robert and Audry, all of Yerington, NV. She was preceded in death by her infant daughter Cathleen M. Biggs, on June 5, 1960. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Highland Heights Christian Church, 2930 SE Tecumseh Rd. and SE 29th St., Topeka, KS

66542. Immediately following the service a gathering of friends and family will be held for sharing memories and fellowship. She will be greatly missed and remain in the hearts of many. Memorial donations may be made in Murna's name to Midland Hospice, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, KS 66606-2800 or to Helping Hands Humane Society, 2625 NW Rochester Rd., Topeka, KS 66617-1269.

Tribute Wall



“ *Murna M. Biggs*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Murna will be missed by all of us in the funeral service industry. Her compassion for families, her love of life and her infectious smile was a joy to all. I will truly miss my good friend. My thoughts and prayers to Eddie, Donnie and family*

Bob Hoover - November 30, 2007 at 03:46 PM

SC

“ *Murna was one-of-a-kind! I will forever be a better person because of the times we spent together. Her laugh would always make me smile.*

During my days in the funeral business in Topeka, Murna was always someone I could count on. She was above all else, a professional. The industry has lost a champion.

Murna has helped so many people during their weakest moments, and her warmth and compassion always made these difficult times more bearable.

She has left a legacy to be proud of.

To her family, please know that I am thinking of you. It is never easy saying "Good-bye". Please find comfort in knowing that Murna was loved by many, many people.

We've all lost a very special person. I will miss her dearly.

*Stacy A. Combs
Lincoln, NE*

Stacy Combs - November 29, 2007 at 05:43 PM

FM

“ I had never experienced any physical evidence of the existence of angels, until I met Ms. Murna Mae Biggs. It has been over twelve years since I first met this wonderful woman! I was in Mortuary school when I started working under her at Newcomer-Diffenderfer Funeral Home. I immediately started calling her 'Mom', because she treated me as such: taking me in her care, watching over me, and teaching me to be the very best caregiver to every family in their time of need. She taught me to treat every family served as if they were my own family. That is exactly how she felt: that every person she helped during their time of need was in fact 'her family'. Over the years Murna and I shared in many emotions: laughter, tears, tears from laughter, fear, and at times anger. I have such endearing memories of Murna, and I am so very thankful that I was so blessed in knowing her. My heart is breaking because she is gone, but that is just me being selfish. I know that she is no longer in pain, and that 'Mom', that ANGEL, is still watching over me.

To her 'boys', Eddie and Donnie, to Sabrine, and to her entire family: I want you to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you for letting me share your time with her at the end, and for letting me get to know some of you better. I love Murna dearly, and will deeply miss my 'Mom'.

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Faith Martin - November 29, 2007 at 11:13 AM

JT

“ I am one of the hundreds of people that Murna helped in times of great loss, first with my grandmother, then my son. She made those unbearable times bearable. I will always remember her as one of the most compassionate and caring people I have ever met. I send my sincere sympathy to all of her family.

Janet Taylor - November 28, 2007 at 09:47 AM

GR

“ I met Murna while we were attending mortuary school in Kansas City. She was such a fun person to be around. She loved life and the people in it! My thoughts are with all of her family. She will be missed.

gretchen roy - November 27, 2007 at 01:33 PM

MF

“ Murna was truly a special women. Her sense of humor, her laughter, her integrity made her a role model for anyone that knew her. She filled a huge void in my life after I lost my Mom, she would listen to me, cry with me and laugh with me. Murna enjoyed life to its fullest and loved her boys and was so proud of them. My life was richer because of knowing her. Maggie

Maggie Freise - November 27, 2007 at 12:40 PM



“ Murna was my good friend and co-worker when I managed the cemeteries. I have remembered her often since I left Topeka in 2000. My heart goes out to all of you who were near and dear to her.

God Bless and comfort all of you.

*Wayne Guthrie
Birmingham,AL*

November 26, 2007 at 08:20 PM

RH

“ Murna was great person to know and love. she helped me in some pretty hard times with her help i made it .wy brother ,mother and father. god is getting a pretty speciaal person. robert and family

robert harvey - November 26, 2007 at 08:08 PM

NG

“ Murna was a special woman to me....she taught me so much about funeral service. I worked at Penwell-Gabel Midtown, with Ms. Murna and I loved her from the day I met her. I was a student when I first met Murna and from day one, she took me under her wing and taught me the most important thing about funeral service...don't cover up your feelings! She was the epitome of compassion, noone ever doubted that Murna loved her families and her profession. Oh..she could get mad, but never in front of people. She was caring, honest, funny and always fought for what she believed was right. I know that I am the funeral director I am today, because of the things Ms. Murna taught me! Ms. Murna...you taught me the things that mattered and you don't find in a book! I will love you forever...and I still hear your voice sometimes...telling me how do something! I also see you wearing your red suit..she always said that people got sick of seeing black..so she was wearing red! Your were the best!

Nicki Gale-Youngberg - November 26, 2007 at 02:15 PM

EB

“ I met Murna when she first came to Topeka and I officiated at the first funeral she directed at the old Wall-Diffenderfer Funeral Home. In later years I worked for Penwell-Gabel (part time) and Murna was a favorite to work with. She always worked hard and had the interests of here families uppermost. We had many serious talks together and she was an inspiration to many of her co-workers and friends. We will miss Murna greatly.

E. Merris Brady - November 25, 2007 at 07:39 PM

AB

“ Donnie, Eddie, family, and a multitude of friends - I am proud to call Murna my friend. She was and is an inspiration to me. We shared many good times together and she helped me understand my boys the way she understood her boys. She taught me that freedom and compassion were prized qualities. I will miss her smile, her love of life, and our special times. She touched the lives of so very many and will be greatly missed. May God hold you close in your time of sorrow.

Anne Baer - November 25, 2007 at 11:34 AM

DD

“ Dear Eddie, Donnie, Sabine & the rest of Murna’s family,

Thank you for allowing me to spend the needed quality time with your Mom and helping with her arrangements. She was my friend from the first day we met; her sweetness, gullibility and naively were all just a small part of whom Murna Mae Biggs really was. She truly cared about other people - living or dead. Murna always did her best wether she was embalming, putting flowers in a room, running a funeral or graveside service. While working the long hours that come with being in the funeral industry, her main concern and focus was “her family,” the family she was assisting at the time.

She loved her “boys,” to listen to her, to watch the sparkle in her blue eyes, she was as amazing as a Mother could be. It showed just how well she had done, when the two of you and Sabine took care of her for the last two months.

I know we will be in touch and seeing each other, it was important to me to put into words how much I loved Murna, enjoyed our friendship and will miss her dearly. All of you will now be part of my life forever.

*Hugs, Kisses, Support & Much Love,
Donna*

Donna Madl Davenport - November 25, 2007 at 09:30 AM

MS

“ *Funeral service, family and friends all lost a special person in Murna. She was known for getting hugs from families she served. My thoughts and prayers are with Donnie, Eddie, all family and friends.*

Mack Smith - November 24, 2007 at 07:44 PM

PC

“ *Murna was a very special person to me. She and I worked together very closely at Newcomer-Diffenderfer. My condolences to all her family. She will be greatly missed.*

Proctor Crow

Proctor Crow - November 24, 2007 at 05:55 PM