



Donna Gabrielle McLean

July 23, 1944 - June 25, 2015

Obituary of Donna McLean

Donna Gabrielle McLean, 70, formerly of Montgomery, New York, died unexpectedly on June 25, 2015, at her home in Buttonwood, The Villages, Florida.

She was born on July 23, 1944, in Staten Island, New York to Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Riordan, and Gabriel Eggud (who died in battle in WWII prior to her birth). She was the oldest of four siblings: Thomas Michael, Christine and Timothy. On August 7, 1962, she married John Field Carnwright McLean, in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia and after renewing their vows on their 25th Anniversary, remained at his side until his death on May 21, 1988. They had one child, Tracey Ann, who was born on June 9, 1964.

After nearly four decades in the New York Hospitality Industry, where she focused her career on managing and growing a series of hotel chains throughout the Hudson Valley region, Donna retired and relocated to The Villages in 2011, to begin the next and final chapter in her life. She worked tirelessly on behalf of homeless veterans, battered women, and the children of the Ocala Forest families. She most recently focused her heart and energies on hand-weaving full-size beds to provide comfort for those without.

Above all, she loved her family and her faith. She is survived by her daughter, Tracey (Kerrin) McLean of Jamesville, New York; her sister Christine (Thomas) Smith of Tampa, Florida; her brother, Thomas Michael (Helga) Johnston of Charlotte, North Carolina, her niece and Goddaughter, Joy Kangas of Virginia, niece Lisa (Michael) Riotto of New Jersey, and her nephews Randy (Gloria) Kangas of Texas, Jeff (Ali) Johnston of North Carolina and Matt (Dawn) Johnston of North Carolina. Donna also leaves behind her more recent, and chosen family comprised of the people she came to know and love from the Village of Buttonwood, St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, and her beloved constant feline companion, Precious.

A memorial service will be held for Donna on Monday, June 29, 2015 at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Wildwood, Florida at 12:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her name to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, Haven of Lake County for Abused Women, Sozo (children of the Ocala Forest Families), or any local animal shelter.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL

Tribute Wall

RC

“ Tracey, I am writing on behalf of my mom, Rosalie Kunkel as she has trouble writing since her stroke. We are so sorry for your loss. My mom talked to Donna in March after the passing of my dad and was comforted by her. Your mom and my mom were good friends and my mother has been missing her lately. My mom has been trying to call her for a while now. Today I said let me look her up online. I was sadly surprised when this site came up. I had trouble telling my mom. She wants to reach out to you. She feels so sorry for you. Donna was truly a beautiful lady with a heart of gold. I knew her also. She knew me as Lolly, Rosalies daughter.(yes, I have the same name as another person who left a condolence earlier). My mom wants to call you. She will probably try your firm. Again, we are so sorry. God bless you and may God keep your mom safe in heaven . Rosalie (lolly) Chiarella for Rosalie Kunkel

rosalie chiarella - August 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ ###GESTURE###

Tracy Moccio - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Donna Mclean will always be the example of a true lady. Inner and outer beauty without effort. My sincerest sorrow goes out to all that loved her. Deepest sympathy to Tracey for losing such an incredibly wonderful loving mom.

Tracy Moccio - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Donna Gabrielle McLean

Tracy Moccio - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Tracey, my deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your mother. She certainly left behind a wonderful legacy in you. Cherish all the wonderful memories. Know that I am thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

Melissa Foti - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ ###GESTURE###

Starlene Morgan - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Tracy and Christine, Donna was a great lady - who accepted people for who they were...gave everyone a chance and saw the best in everyone. She was the salt of the earth. She will be in our hearts always. My thoughts and prayers are will you all. Maureen Sheehan

Maureen Sheehan - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ So sorry to hear of Donnas passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you Tracy. Also with family and friends. Donna was a Great Lady and a Wonderful boss. She treated us as if we were her children. I will cherish my memories of working with her at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel <3 RIP Mrs.Donna <3

Starlene Morgan - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Donna Gabrielle McLean

Starlene Morgan - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ I am speechless and heartbroken at your passing.....Heaven was missing an angel all these years and finally called you home....now, those of us left behind will be missing you terribly.....completely lost and saddened. Tracey, please reach out when you can (845)661-2703

Kathleen Vacca - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ I am at a complete loss for words....Heaven has been missing an angel all these years and now they have called her home...I will miss her terribly as I am sure countless others that knew her....Tracey, your Mom was the best!!! Chris, she was a great sister!!!!.....so, so, so sorry....Tracey, please reach out when you can (845)661-2703.....

Kathleen Vacca - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ It is with a sad heart that I write this condolence. I can't believe what has happened. Donna extended her open heart to both of us. She always was concerned for Ronnie and her horses. Needless to say, she always asked about her beloved farm. She was such a dear friend and will be sorely missed. God bless her now and forever. Our thoughts and prayers are also for Tracey. I know how close you two were. She will always be in our hearts..

Bob & Ronnie Sprague - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ ###GESTURE###

Susan Reidy - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donna Gabrielle McLean*

June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I've never met Donna but have had the pleasure of knowing her daughter Tracey for a few years now. Reading her obituary its obvious that her daughter gets her passion for helping from her Mom. May you rest in sweet peace Donna Gabrielle Mclean.*

Lolly - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you God for letting me meet this Fine Woman and Gentle Giant in the HOSPITALITY World... our Family will always remember the beautiful Stockings she made us each with love & care. Susan*

Susan Reidy - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donna Gabrielle McLean*

Susan Reidy - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tracey, I'm so sorry for your loss. It's hard to lose a parent, we were both blessed with great Moms, when you feel sad or weak just remember she will ALWAYS live in your heart. Call anytime. Sincerely, Mary Alice*

Mary Alice Daignesult - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ So sorry for your loss Tracey... You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Pam Putrello - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Donna i will miss are long talks on the phone.I will always remember Your words of wisdom ilove you

Kathryn grenier - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ Tracey, Ray and I are so sorry to hear about your mom. She sounded like an amazing and wonderful person. Sending love and hugs from us to you. You will be in my prayers.

Ellen Toll - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM