



Donita Jo Hulseley

October 16, 1943 - October 29, 2021

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Donita Jo Hulseley, 78, of Napa, passed away peacefully with her husband by her side Friday, October 29, 2021 following a lengthy illness.

Born October 16, 1943 in Seattle, Washington, Donita was the daughter of the late Domenico Vincenzo and Delila Fern Bland Bailo. At a young age she moved with her family to Oakland, then later to Alameda where she attended local schools and graduated from Alameda High School where she was voted Best-Looking Girl in her senior class.

After completing a junior college program to become a psychiatric technician, Donita went to work at Agnew State Hospital—eventually being promoted to the position of shift supervisor. A few years later, she transferred to Napa State Hospital where she proved to be a strong advocate for her patients and staff. She treated her patients with compassion and empathy and assured that those she supervised did the same. For Donita, working with those who struggled with mental illness was more than a job, it was a calling. After a 31 year career, she retired.

While at Napa State Hospital, Donita met her future husband Thomas Carl

Hulsey and the couple was married on May 19, 1984 in Genoa, Nevada. Having been an only child, Donita got something she had been lacking—a lot of new family! Donita and T.C. enjoyed traveling and attended church when on trips, but were always proud to come back to their home church, Hopewell Baptist Church in Napa. She and T.C. enjoyed watching old movies and little known to most, Donita was a fan of the UFC. Donita savored lunches with friends and welcomed opportunities to go shopping with her many friends whom she loved and appreciated. T.C. recalls “She was a wonderful wife. She shared the joys that came during the good times that were the majority of the more than 37 years of our marriage and provided love and support during the trials that came during that time.”

Donita also shared her son Brad’s love of animals. She was never without at least one cat and over the years had been grateful to care for Good Cheer, Clancy, Grayson, and currently her beloved Jasmine.

In recent years, Alzheimer’s Disease began slowly robbing Donita of the ability to participate in many of the activities that had given her so much pleasure. But even in the depths of this dread disease, she continued to show others love. She will truly be missed.

Donita is survived by her loving husband, T.C. Hulsey; two sons: Brad Burstein and Mark Olivera; T.C.’s mother and sister: Kathy Coppler and Nicki O’Neil; and two nephews: Matt O’Neil, his wife Sarah, and their children Trinity and Kaleb, and Ryan O’Neil, his wife Rachel, and their children Jack and Amelia.

Friends are invited to attend a memorial service 11:00 am Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Hopewell Baptist Church, 3755 Linda Vista Avenue in Napa where Pastor Mike Ray, pastor of the church, will officiate.

The family asks that memorials be made to any organization providing aid to those afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease. Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel is serving the family and friends may offer condolences online at treadwaywigger.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (PT)

Hopewell Baptist Church
Napa, CA 94558

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Dear T.C. and Family, My condolences for your loss of Donita. T.C., you and Donita always struck me as "quite the team"! I just had your gift of a Halloween clown bear displayed in my living room this Halloween season.

Warmly,
Marvin Sakakihara, M.D.

P.S. My son has been a fan of UFC since he was young, so we made treks to Oakland and Sacramento to watch some big fight nights with his buddies.

Marvin Sakakihara - November 06, 2021 at 07:53 PM

KM

“ So sorry for your lost TC! It's hard seeing a spouse decline because of dementia, As Del went through that the last couple of years of his life. They're both with the Lord now, and probably have become reacquainted already!

Kathie Miller

Kathie Miller - November 03, 2021 at 11:25 AM

DM

“ Thinking of T.C. and family. I worked with Donita and T.C. in the past and so sorry to hear of Donita's passing. Thoughts and prayers for you all. Dan Mayo.

Dan Mayo - November 03, 2021 at 10:12 AM



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Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel & Crematory - November 01, 2021 at 04:23 PM