



Donna Greer

June 8, 1950 - June 3, 2019

DARLINGTON, SC – Donna Elizabeth Greer, 68, esteemed teacher, counselor, and stalwart friend of the young people she served, died Monday, June 3, at her home in Darlington.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 8, Donna's 69th birthday, at John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Florence at 11am with visitation before the funeral at 10am at the church.

Born June 8, 1950, in Spartanburg County, she was the daughter of Elizabeth Craft Greer and Jack Donald Greer. In 1972 she graduated from Winthrop College with a BS in Music Education and completed her Masters of Education in Counseling in 1987 at the University of South Carolina. She put her education and experience entirely at the disposal of the young people in whom she invested her energy and her hope.

A gifted musician, Donna pioneered new musical theatre programs in Florence at Moore Junior High and West Florence High School, touching and affecting the lives of hundreds of students who looked to her for direction and affirmation. Many of those students pursued professional or avocational careers in the arts and credit her with their success. Later, she used those same gifts at The Reading House, a bookstore and tutoring center she owned and operated in Charleston. Counseling became her true vocation as she served in the capacity of guidance and career counselor in several schools in the Charleston area. She enjoyed particular satisfaction from the work she did with students at the Charlestowne Academy and School of the Arts by

introducing them to career paths to which they otherwise may not have been exposed.

Donna's generosity of spirit manifested in a variety of volunteer positions. She was a long-time volunteer and supporter of Lighthouse Ministries, John Calvin Presbyterian Church where she was active in the music ministry, and the Florence Little Theater, among others.

Donna was predeceased by her parents, Lib Greer and Jack Greer. She is survived by two sisters, Lynn Cole Greer of Goose Creek, SC, Alta Greer Sparks of Murrells Inlet, SC; and a brother, Marc Donald Greer of Darlington, SC; a nephew, Bryan Donald Greer; and three nieces, Tara Sparks Alford, Kelley Nicole Sparks, and Wendi Greer Hobin.

Memorials made be made to Lighthouse Ministries, PO Box 6801, Florence, SC 29502.

Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home and Crematory of Darlington is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com

"Her children rise up and call her blessed" Proverbs 31:28

Tribute Wall

CC

“ I served as her pianist in West Florence High School for 3 years. She was a real friend, and a comforting shoulder to lean on. I was unhappy and frustrated in high school, and she helped me endure the 3 years until I was off to college. Under her direction, we made so much beautiful music together. We also worked together in the pit orchestra at West Florence theatre. She's in my thoughts these 45 years later, how about that!

Cheryl Campbell - June 11, 2024 at 05:53 PM

ER

“ I just learned about the loss of Donna! I taught with her at Charlestowne Academy, and she was gem of a person. There were so many fun memories of working with her while she served students as a career counselor in the high school. I can remember a trip to Florida where we attended a professional development conference in Orlando. It was so much fun traveling with her in my small 350Z sports car for quite a long distance. We had an issue with ants on the way home, and I can remember we had to pull over and deal with the crawling creatures. I'm sure she was ready to be home, but I so much appreciated her attending the conference with me even though it was not in her comfort zone. She was a sweet person and always stretching herself professionally to help students.

Rest in peace, my friend!

*Eva Wood Rutiri
Charleston, SC*

Eva Rutiri - July 07, 2023 at 08:12 PM

DT

“ I just read about sweet “Sam” in the Winthrop alum magazine. So sorry to have learned of her death. We were roommates for a year at Winthrop when she was a Physical Ed Major before switching to music. I graduated a year early and lost contact with her. We shared some great times together and I’ll never forget how she loved the 5th Dimensions...she kept that album playing all the time. I’m not at all surprised at all of her many accomplishments. She had a tremendous heart and a sweet soul. Rest In Peace dear one. Prayers for all of her family.
Diane Mace Thompson
Greenville, SC

Diane Thompson - November 09, 2019 at 11:23 AM

KB

“ I just found out about Donna! She has been on mind quite a bit lately, and this would explain why. I was lucky enough to call Donna an Aunt for 18 years and she was such a blessing to me. She said what she meant and she meant what she said and I have always thought to be a priceless gift from her. I have always had high regards and respect for her.
My love to the family through all of the recent losses.
~Kari

Kari Blackwell - June 17, 2019 at 03:29 PM



“ Ms Greer was instrumental in my life. I just found out about her passing into the next life. Thank you Ms Greer for being a bright candle and for all you did for me. See you again! - Julie Austin Ritz, WFHS class of '81.

Julie Austin Ritz - June 10, 2019 at 02:05 PM

ME

“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Donna. She was a precious soul who consistently advocated for children and was so pure of heart. I am so fortunate to have crossed paths with her at Alice Birney Middle School in Charleston and will always remember her kindness and friendship. I pray that she rests in peace and I extend my heartfelt condolences to her family and close friends.

*With great respect and sympathy,
Marti Esarey*

Marti D Esarey - June 08, 2019 at 09:46 AM

BM

“ The Benny Greer family sends our most heartfelt love and prayers to our precious family. Aunt Jeannynne (who just turned 90!) is living in Columbia with Charlie and me now, and is no longer able to make the trip. Mama loved the years that she had with Donna when they were both at Bethea, and so wishes that she could be with the rest of you on Donna's Birthday! Such memories we all have of our glorious "family reunion days," which, I think, tied our hearts together forever! Much love to each of you, Becky

Becky Greer Moss - June 07, 2019 at 12:16 PM

PD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Penny Woodworth DeFraties - June 07, 2019 at 06:59 AM

MC

“ Donna Grier was a shining light to everyone . I had the privilege to have had her as a chorus teacher at West Florence High School... she always encouraged us to do our best! One of my fondest memories was when she took us to NY for a class trip... The sights and musicals were amazing to this teenager..... Thank you for the memories ❤️❤️❤️

Melinda B Crawford - June 06, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donna Greer.



June 06, 2019 at 04:43 PM

BS

“ Rest In Peace Ms. Greer. You were a special person to me in High School. You were always so bubbly and sweet. I always looked forward to going to music class. Prayers for all your loved ones.



Barbara Parnell Small - June 05, 2019 at 12:04 AM