



## Donna Lea Lorene Shoemaker

August 16, 1937 - August 12, 2020

Donna Lea Lorene Shoemaker, daughter of the late James and Cora (Gan) Williams, was born August 16, 1937 in Waynesville, Missouri where she grew up and attended school.

At the age of 17, Donna left Waynesville and went to Washington before moving to San Antonio, Texas where she lived for 17 years. While in Texas, Donna worked as an inspector for Holiday Inn and traveled to their different locations in Colorado, Texas and Oklahoma. She then moved to Lawton, Oklahoma and eventually moved back to Missouri in 1983.

On July 10, 1972, Donna was united in marriage to Felton Shoemaker, Sr. and they shared over 30 years of marriage together before he preceded her in death in February 2002.

After moving back to Waynesville, Donna owned and operated from 1983-1990, the Hungry House Café. She loved visiting with the different customers that would come in and formed some lifelong friendships with some of the regulars. Donna also worked at the B&B Theater for 12 years.

In her spare time, Donna enjoyed being out in her yard while working in her vegetable and flower gardens. She was also talented with handwork, especially crocheting and embroidery work. She loved sharing her creations

with family and friends. Donna was a life member of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Ladies Auxiliary.

Donna loved her family tremendously and enjoyed spending as much time with them as she could. She especially loved being with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Donna had made an important decision in her life and accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. She was baptized and after moving back to Waynesville became a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church. She recently was attending Church of God in St. Robert until her health began to prohibit her from going.

Donna went home to be with her Lord and be reunited with Felton on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 in her home having attained the age of 82 years. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

She leaves to cherish her memory, three children: Felton Shoemaker, Jr. (Brianna) of Waynesville, MO, Donella Anderson (Arty) of Garland, TX and Timothy Landes (Dianna) of Pipe Creek, TX; seven grandchildren: April Anderson (Cody) of Fountain, CO, Breanna Shoemaker of Waynesville, MO, Jenna Stewart-Mills (Raea Mills) of Columbia, MO, Adrian Moore of Mesquite, TX, Timothy Landes, Jr. of Tulsa, OK, Heather Stratton (Dane) of Claremore, OK and Hannah Lucas of Fayetteville, AR; six great grandchildren: Drake Anderson, Maya Stewart, A'Meyra Moore, Jaden Harper, Ava Harper and Cameron Harper; two sisters: Arena Graves of Laquey, MO and Ella Rose of Canon City, CO; special friend: Norman Anderson of Waynesville, MO; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Donna was preceded in death by an

infant son: Mark Jefferson Shoemaker; one sister: Aislea Bales; and two brothers: Kellis Lloyd Williams and James Floyd Williams.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 14, 2020 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Danny Graves and Pastor Ron Leggett officiating. The songs "In the Garden" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" were sung by Becky Lercher. The song "Red River Valley" was played. Serving as escorts were Larry Sisk, Arty Anderson, Roger Graves, Timothy Landes, Jr., Danny Graves and Scottie Timmons. Burial followed in the Deerlick Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Donna Shoemaker and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Cemetery Details

## Deerlick Cemetery

23245 Reporter Road  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 13.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
[memorialchapels@embarqmail.com](mailto:memorialchapels@embarqmail.com)

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Lea Lorene Shoemaker*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - August 17, 2020 at 09:42 AM

FS

*Hello Mom, it's me again. Next week is another Thanksgiving without you. These times are really hard without you. I miss you terribly. We are planning a small Thanksgiving dinner this year at home and I so wish that you were here to join us. There is not a day that goes by I don't think about you and dad. You both were my rocks and my strength. I love you so much and I wish just once, that I could hear your voice again. Well, I just wanted to stop by to say hello. I love you Mom, your son, Felton.*

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**Felton Shoemaker** - November 19, 2022 at 01:18 PM



“ *Donna Lea Lorene Shoemaker*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

FS

“ Dear Mom,  
There is still an empty space in my heart because you are gone and there always will be. I loved you very much and I always will. I miss you so much and it's so hard now that you are gone. I know that you are in a better place and with Dad and Mark to keep you company I just know that all three of you are having a grand time. Especially with Jesus there too. I will never forget our talk the night before you passed. I love you mom and miss you so much. Until we meet again, your son, Felton

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**Felton Shoemaker** - August 20, 2020 at 11:55 AM

CD

“ Cornelia & Robert Dodds lit a candle in memory of Donna Lea Lorene Shoemaker



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**Cornelia & Robert Dodds** - August 15, 2020 at 06:43 AM

RT

“ I was sorry to hear of Donna's passing, but how she must be rejoicing in Heaven right now! She and her husband were faithful members at Waynesville Free Will Baptist Church when I was the pastor, and they were very precious to my wife and to me. I am praying for God's comfort and strength to surround the family. We will see her again!  
Rev. Elmer Turnbough

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**Rev. Elmer Turnbough** - August 14, 2020 at 08:54 PM

JO

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you



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**Judy Ogle** - August 14, 2020 at 02:09 AM

CM

“ You all are in our thoughts and my thoughts and prayers. Love you



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**Crystal Mosier** - August 14, 2020 at 02:07 AM

MT

“ Marilyn Troutman lit a candle in memory of Donna Lea Lorene Shoemaker



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**Marilyn Troutman** - August 13, 2020 at 09:14 PM

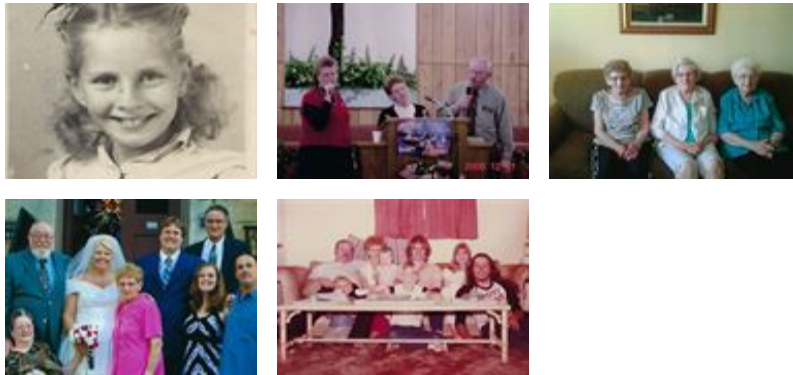
HJ

“ *Memaw was a wonderful woman of Christ. I am going to miss her many stories of the "shoe" and "tiger tooth" along with the many criticisms she would give me to be a better person in this world. She was the most stubborn woman in this world and at times she terrified me, but she was my grandmother and for that I will be forever grateful. She was the last of my grandparents and that's a tough pill to swallow but I know I've got a good group of Angels to watch over me until my time comes. Memaw, Donna Lea Lorene, I love you forever and always!!!*

Heather Jenee - August 13, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ *54 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 13, 2020 at 10:50 AM

LH

“ *I am sad to read this and I send all my good thoughts to the family. I was proud to call Donna my friend.*  
*Luge Hardman*

Luge Hardman - August 13, 2020 at 09:06 AM

LS

“ *Linda Schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna Lea Lorene Shoemaker*



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**linda schonbok** - August 13, 2020 at 08:32 AM

DF

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the family, I knew Donna when she worked hard with her husband, at the Hungry House Cafe. Always a smile, and a even a good laugh. Always a great meal, thanks for the good memories at the cafe. Rest easy Donna, rest in peace.*



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**Dave Franks** - August 13, 2020 at 08:31 AM

DB

“ *We're so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. She was such a sweet person, and she always had a smile and a kind word to share with us. We look forward to seeing her again in Heaven! Praying for the family during this time of sorrow and as you celebrate her life. Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bailey, Tokyo, Japan*

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**Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bailey** - August 13, 2020 at 03:39 AM

KR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Kay Reiter** - August 12, 2020 at 10:59 PM

KR

“ *Donna always had a bright smile and a friendly welcome. I still have the aloe plant she gave me and think of her every time I see it. I am sorry for your loss.*

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**Kay Reiter** - August 12, 2020 at 10:47 PM

DS

“ *Dona Jo Stillwell lit a candle in memory of Donna Lea Lorene Shoemaker*



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**Dona Jo Stillwell** - August 12, 2020 at 08:28 PM

KK

“ *I have such very fond memories of Memaw. She will be missed but May her soul Rest In Peace. My thoughts and prayers are with Jenna and all of the family. Love you all.*

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**Kristina King-Faber** - August 12, 2020 at 05:39 PM