



Donna Elizabeth Scott

March 12, 2021

Donna Elizabeth Scott, 60, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, March 12, 2021 in Dumfries, Virginia, from complications due to multiple cancers.

Donna relocated to Virginia in January 2021 so her beloved sister, Rhonda Scott-Johnson could care for her. Though in her heart, she would always be a proud native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Donna was born on August 24, 1960 at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia to her parents, Charles Roger Turner and Agnes Frances Scott. They loved their “little tuna fish” immensely and she always credited them for instilling in her values of self-reliance, responsibility, high-moral character, and self-respect. She was one of seven siblings. Although she was not the youngest sibling, Donna often referred to herself as “the baby” of the family because of the inexhaustible love and attention she received from her parents, who tried to care for her with patience and compassion as she battled difficult health challenges.

Donna was a devoted Christian who loved God and lifted up His Holy Name in daily prayer for healing, courage, and salvation---not only for herself, but for the family and the world as well. For many years, she regularly attended St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Roxborough, PA near her home.

As a child, she was baptized into the Catholic faith at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in West Philadelphia, along with her two older siblings Kim

and Rhonda. They all attended St. Phillip Neri in South Philadelphia for elementary school and then transitioned into public schools for secondary education. In 1978, Donna graduated with honors from Overbrook High School in Philadelphia. It was there that she discovered her talent as a creative artist with a unique gift in pencil drawings and watercolor painting. Donna excelled in this discipline and was one of the few high school students in the city to have their artwork displayed in the grand entrance way of the Philadelphia College of Art (PCA). Upon high school graduation, she received a full four-year scholarship to PCA. She successfully completed one year of college, but in 1980 Donna was diagnosed with a serious disability, which prevented her from continuing her academic studies.

As a resilient, proud, and determined young woman, Donna has always strived to push thru challenges and obstacles in order to build a happy, peaceful, and secure life for herself. Pursing a different passion, Donna enrolled in the Mc Carie Schools of Health Sciences and Technology in Philadelphia, PA. In 1985 she graduated as a trained Medical Assistant. Donna absolutely loved the health care field and for several years, she worked at the Mercy Haverford Health Center, Philadelphia, PA, and other centers as a phlebotomy technician, drawing blood of visiting patients.

Donna was very personable, and everywhere she went, she made special connections with people rather easily--from relatives, friends, neighbors, local merchants, to medical staff. Everybody loved "Miss/Aunt Donna", especially the kids. With her nurturing spirit, she had the unique ability to make them laugh, while encouraging them to believe in themselves and "just give it a try?" Not only was she artistically talented, but Donna was smart as a whip, extremely articulate, and full of fun. She was always singing and dancing to her favorite R&B artists such as Sade, and Boyz to Men. Even though she admittedly sang off-key, that never stopped her from joining in the Karaoke, just to generate a few good laughs from the crowd. Donna had a great sense

of humor and when feeling well, she had an amazing ability to quietly slip out hilarious jokes, one-liners, or zany facial expressions that would ignite the whole room with laughter.

But her most valued possession and highest achievement, was undoubtedly giving and receiving unconditional love from her family members and close friends. For Donna...thru the good or bad, "family mattered". Her motto taken from The Three Musketeers story was "All for one and one for all". And though she did not have a car, she seldom missed special events, holidays, cook-outs, and celebrations...on both sides of her family. She nurtured endearing and unique relationships with each person to include her siblings (Kim, Rhonda, Linda, Jimmy, Christopher, Sonny, and their families), aunts Dee-Dee and Janis, Cousin/Like-a-Sister Maria and her family, Lyndon Manuel--her high-school sweetheart, and so many others.

Lasting memories of Donna will be kept alive with thoughts of her deep dimples, girlish giggles, wide-eyed smile, soft voice, and big bear hugs that she left behind for all to cherish.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Charles R. Turner and Agnes F. Scott, grandmothers, Juanita Wilkins and Margazee Scott, and favorite Uncle Bill Mash.

She is survived by her siblings and their families: Kim L. Scott, Rhonda Scott-Johnson, Linda Turner, James V. Scott, Charles Christopher Thornton, and Charles Sonny Turner. In addition, she leaves behind to mourn two beloved aunts, Delores Gray and Janis Wilkins-Mash, and cousin E. Maria Scott along with numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who loved her dearly.

“We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:6.

May you rest in peace.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Elizabeth Scott*

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