



Edith Donnette Stauffer

July 12, 1947 - February 3, 2023

Edith Donnette, the oldest child of Maxine (Ole) and Orie Beryle Stauffer, was born July 12, 1947 in Cherokee, Oklahoma and passed away on February 3, 2023 in the care of Mercy Hospice, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. A celebration of Donnette's life will be held February 7, 2023 at 1 p.m. in the Wharton Funeral Home Chapel. Her final resting place will be at Short Springs Cemetery near her family.

(Edith) Donnette was named after her maternal grandmother Edith (Crawford) Ole and paternal Aunt Phyllis Donnette (Stauffer) Beck. Very few people could get by calling her anything other than "Donnette" but when the nephews and niece came along, they seemed to get by with a challenging "Edith" every now and then. Although her given name was how we knew her best, she was also known as sister, aunt, friend, partner-in-crime, caregiver, and confidant.

As a life-long resident of Alva, Donnette was a member of First Christian Church and graduated from Alva High School in 1965, worked several years at TG&Y, and retired from the Alva Farmer's Co-op in 2014. While at the Co-op, she seemed to have a knack for being successful at the various positions she held—from the fertilizer plant to the office. There weren't many local farmers who could get one over on Donnette.

Family was very important to Donnette. She attended more ballgames and stock shows than most parents, cheering on her niece and nephews and continuing that support with the great nieces and nephews. As the family historian and keeper of the family photo boxes, Donnette knew most of the

people in the pictures and made a scrapbook for each of her niece and nephews.

Bowling was a pastime Donnette enjoyed and spending time with her bowling buddies was an important part of her life. Although the bowling might not have been the primary focus, the friendships she developed along the way certainly were. She was also a fix-it person and wasn't afraid to get her hands dirty whatever the project. Although the outcome was not always what she expected, she was always ready for the next time.

Donnette was preceded in death by her parents Orie and Maxine; brothers Craig and Kurt; nephews Dustin Graves and Clayton Stauffer; her partner Jarilyn Link; and bonus niece Hallie Link. She is survived by her sister Jeannette and husband Roger Graves; brother Kim and wife Arlene Stauffer; and sister-in-law Sharry (Stauffer) and husband Brad Thompson. But perhaps the most important people to carry her legacy forward are her niece and nephews: Derick (April) Graves; Damon (Janette) Stauffer; Brian Stauffer; Carol Stauffer; Kevin (Nick) Stauffer-Rossi; Kyle Stauffer; Kelly (Amanda) Stauffer; and bonus nephews Daryl and Dusty McCormick. The list continues with great nieces and nephews: Sylus, Clyce, and Myah Graves; Braden, Katelyn, and Colette Stauffer; Gauge, Axel, and Coulter Stauffer; and Hunter and Aspen Stauffer. Donnette is also survived by her extended family and many friends she considered family.

In honor of Donnette's life, please consider a gift to the Dustin Graves Memorial Scholarship Fund or to the Clayton Stauffer Memorial 4-H Scholarship Fund. Gifts may be made in care of Wharton Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Short Springs Cemetery

8 1/2 Miles East of Alva on HWY 64
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

Wharton Funeral Chapel, LLC.
1302 W. Oklahoma Boulevard
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall

BF

“ I met her in junior high, we were in band together..Mr. Joachim was the teacher..she was always friendly and nice and I had reconnected with her last year. We shared some great memories about Alva junior high...teachers and classmates, band and home ec..she was very sweet. A

Barbara Nell (Dale) Fulbright - August 29, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ Donnette and the entire Stauffer family were my best friends growing up. I will always remember taking a hike out in the pasture behind their home. Maxine sent snacks for us to eat and we had a great time. I will truly miss seeing her the next time we come to see our families and Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri.

Kay Smith - February 09, 2023 at 07:53 PM

JU

“ Always liked Donnette--what was there not to like! She was always kind, friendly, and genuine. Remember many overnights (as a child) on the farm, where we would all stay up telling scary stories. Great memories!

So sad to read in this morning's paper of her passing. Condolences to her large family.

Judy (Wilson) Kirk
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Judy - February 08, 2023 at 08:34 AM

JH

“ JANITA J HOFEN lit a candle in memory of Edith Donnette Stauffer



JANITA J HOFEN - February 07, 2023 at 11:11 PM

JH

“ Prayers for comfort and understanding 🙏
Jimmy Helm

Jimmy Helm - February 07, 2023 at 03:16 PM

PW

“ Janette/Roger and extended family, please accept my sincere condolences on your loss of Donnette. In all the years I knew her, I never heard the first name of Edith...probably by design as I would have for sure teased her with it since we always had a laugh or story to tell especially at a chance meeting in our adult life. I'll remember her fondly always. I know our classmates of AHS 1965 have lost another friend we will always remember. As best I know she is the 16th member of our bunch of 109 to depart.

*Please keep all those happy times of her as your memories.
Paul Woodson; OKC*

Paul D Woodson - February 06, 2023 at 03:24 PM

VS

Sincere condolences in the passing of one so dear to your family! May special memories help fill the void.

Vaughna Schmidt - February 07, 2023 at 01:14 PM

SK

“ *Donette and I okayed French horn in the school band from 7th grade through high school. I can't ever remember her being anything but onery and lots if fun!*
Sue Rea Kilmer

sue rea kilmer - February 06, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Donnette Memories Album*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - February 06, 2023 at 09:36 AM