



## Donna Sue Willis Burgin

April 21, 1937 - April 21, 2015

Donna Sue Willis Burgin, 78, of Asheville, died on her birthday Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the John F. Keever Solace Center surrounded by her family & friends. She was greeted in Heaven by her parents, Richard Weldon Willis and Iva Sue Willis; her son, Ronald Nelson Burgin and her brother Dickie Willis.

A native and lifelong resident of Asheville she graduated from Lee Edwards High School in 1955 and went on to graduate from Meredith College. Donna is survived by her daughter Shera Thurman and her husband, David, of Black Mountain; her grandson, Bradley his wife, Satya and their son, Wyatt; her grandson, Aaron his wife, Tessa, and their daughter, Blakely and her grandson, David. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Lavinia Weaver; her lifelong soul sister, Margo Keck and many nieces, nephews, cousins and neighbors who loved her dearly.

Donna was very passionate about her garden & her dog Patti. She loved to be outside in the sunshine, so a Celebration of Life will be held outdoors at her residence, 27 Ramoth Road, Asheville, NC 28804, 1:00 PM, Saturday, May 2, 2015. The family invites all to attend and bring a covered dish or dessert.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Sue Willis Burgin*



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**Morris Funeral Home** - April 24, 2015 at 03:35 PM



“ *Donna Sue Willis Burgin*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Hello to Donna's family. I so regret not staying in touch with Donna. She was such a dear person with enough humor and heart to help so many. She was a friend when I needed her the most. Our Asheville visits were always made perfect of the sound of her voice welcoming us. I know her grandsons were the love of her life. All blessed by her presence in this life!*

*Mimi Erskine*

*Daughter in law of Franny and Don Erskine 2 Woodley*

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**mimi erskine** - May 18, 2015 at 12:48 PM

AH

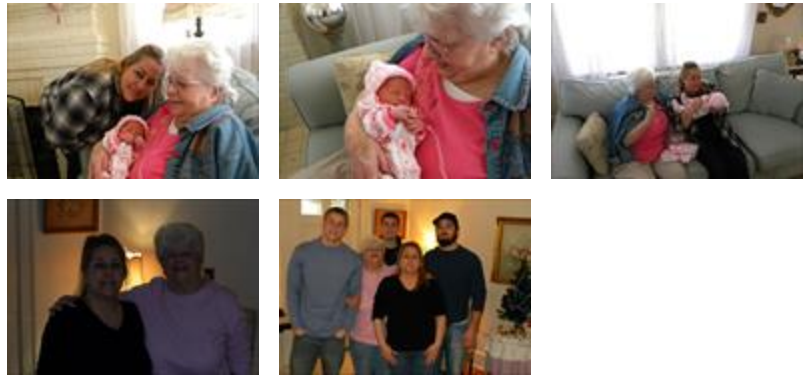
“ Aimee Hills lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Willis Burgin



Aimee Hills - May 03, 2015 at 07:32 AM

DA

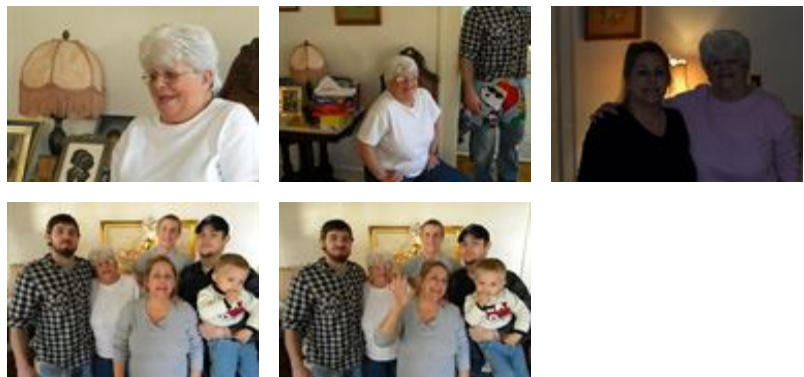
“ 10 files added to the album Family Photos



david - April 30, 2015 at 05:52 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Morris Funeral Home - April 30, 2015 at 05:02 PM

AD

“ I am so sorry to hear about Donna Sue- she was always one of my favorite cousins! She always had a smile and a something sweet to say. She will be dearly missed by all! My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family.

Love,  
Alan Duckett

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**Alan Duckett** - April 30, 2015 at 04:14 PM

SH

“ Donna was such a dear, sweet, funny person. I liked her from the first time i met her at work and she was training me to work in her section. I moved on to do other things but we kept in touch over the years. She was so full of life and loved life. I used to love talking to Donna, she was such an inspiration. God has a true angel by His side today and one that's going to bring Him lots of laughs, that's for sure!!!! We will miss you, Donna..

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**shirley hallingse** - April 29, 2015 at 07:39 AM

VR

“ Some of the best morning and afternoon breaks at work were with Donna. Me, Shirley and Margaret with our coffee and Donna solving all the world's problems.

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**Vickie Rogers** - April 28, 2015 at 08:59 AM

RL

“ I have wondered where Donna was, as i hadn't seen her out in her yard in a long time. So sorry to know she won't be around bringing such good neighborly cheer and conversation. I always looked forward to walking by her house and talking with her and petting Patty. They will both be missed greatly and already are ...

*Regina Loveday*

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**Regina Loveday** - April 27, 2015 at 10:03 PM

TW

“ I have kept up with Donna from time to time through her best buddy, Margo Keck, over the years. I remember Donna well from Lee Edwards and her friendly and sincere attitude.

*I was saddened to learn of her death this past week. My thoughts lie with the family and other friends who survive her. She will be missed, surely, but not forgotten. My sympathy is extended to all famiy and friends.*

*Terry Weaver*

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**Terrell E Weaver** - April 27, 2015 at 01:57 PM

KS

“ I will so miss Donna's smile and laugh in our neighborhood. Sending Shera and family our deepest condolences on the loss of your dear mom from her neighbors on Ramoth Road.--  
*Kate Steinbeck, Chris, Galen and Charlie Abell along with Patti's friend, Sapphire*



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**Kate Steinbeck** - April 27, 2015 at 08:40 AM

SM

“ My deepest sympathy to Shera and Donna's family. She was a dear friend to me for so many years and I will miss her warm smile, funny stories and loving friendship. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers and her memories close in my heart. May God bless you in your time of loss.

Sandy McLean

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**Sandy Mclean** - April 27, 2015 at 07:38 AM

CG

“ I met Donna iwhen we 4th graders taking dance at the Marguerite Hyatt Dance Studio. We remained good friends until her death. She was a wonderful girl who was always there if you needed her. Once when I had back problems she came and worked in my garden. I loved her very much. Sherri and family I am saying a prayer for comfort and healing for you and your family. Donna was a sweet and beautiful girl and I shall never forget her.

Camille Gibson

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**Camille Gibson** - April 26, 2015 at 03:52 PM

AK

“ My sister Nell and I first met Donna Sue in nursery/kindergarten.Later Nell and she were friends at Lee Edwards and Meredith. I considered her my friend too, even tho a year behind them.. And she included "lil sister' in many get togethers. I feel blessed to have known her.

Anna Cherry Kreiner

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**Anna Kreiner** - April 25, 2015 at 07:08 PM

KR

“ *Kim Rigsbee lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Willis Burgin*



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**Kim Rigsbee** - April 25, 2015 at 05:00 PM

SS

“ *We have so many wonderful memories of Donna as a neighbor and friend. We'll miss sitting on her porch eating ice cream and watching the neighborhood go by. Sending all loving memories and peaceful hearts. Joe, Silvia and Erika Swiger*

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**silvia swiger** - April 25, 2015 at 10:29 AM



“ *38 files added to the album Family Photos*



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**Morris Funeral Home** - April 24, 2015 at 03:36 PM

JC

“ Donna Sue really was a pleasure to know. She always had a smile and ready talk about her life and was interested in your family and life. She will be missed.

*Jim Campbell*

*jimbcampbell@charter.net*

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**Jim Campbell** - April 24, 2015 at 12:03 PM

VR

“ Vickie Rogers lit a candle in memory of Donna Sue Willis Burgin



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**Vickie Rogers** - April 24, 2015 at 12:00 PM

CB

“ Donna Sue was such a wonderful person, friendly, helpful and a joy to know. I know she was a blessing to her family. Her light will continue to shine.

*Carolyn Donnelly Blackman, another classmate LHEHS '55*

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**Carolyn Blackman** - April 23, 2015 at 05:39 PM

DD

“ Wee Willy Willis your going to be sorely missed! Over the years you brought great joy and laughter to so many.... You leave an empty spot in our hearts...

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**Dick Deal** - April 23, 2015 at 04:36 PM

JB

“ Donna Sue was a classmate at Lee Edwards. I'm sorry to hear of her passing and send condolences to her family. Jeri Childers Bly

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**Jeri Bly** - April 22, 2015 at 07:04 AM

PW

*I shall always remember Donna Sue by her smile and laugh, she always lit up the room with her presents. She will be missed.*

*Pete Watts, classmate Lee H Edwards "55"*

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**Pete Watts** - April 27, 2015 at 08:04 PM

GJ

*Donna will remain in my heart forever. She was such a dear, sweet friend. I send my heartfelt condolences to her family and friends. Georgia Jenkinson.*

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**Georgia Jenkinson** - April 30, 2015 at 10:20 AM

BW

*It was my pleasure to know Donna when we both worked at the Country Club of Asheville. She was such a sweet, kind and gentle lady. No doubt she will be missed by her family. My condolences to her family and close friends. Brenda Walker*

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**Brenda Walker** - May 02, 2015 at 07:09 PM