



Donna Lavonne Edwards

January 21, 1952 - September 24, 2016

Reflections of the Life of Donna Lavonne Edwards

Donna Lavonne Edwards was born to Earnest and Juanita Winrow Davis in Oklahoma City on January 21, 1952. She was the fourth of seven children. Donna grew up in Oklahoma City and graduated from Frederick A. Douglass High School in 1970. There she excelled in music. She was an organ and piano accompanist for several of the school's choirs and choruses. Donna and her choirs, under the direction of Leroy Hicks made several music albums. Donna, also, excelled in typing, shorthand and other secretarial skills that would serve her well as an adult.

A few years after finishing high school, the young Donna Davis moved to New Jersey after accepting a job with Opportunity Industrialization Corporation. There she met and married Larry Edwards. The ambitious couple sought and found excitement in their respective careers, marriage, family life and a lifestyle they both enjoyed. Traveling was one of their main interests. Over the years they visited family in many states across the country, enjoying the company of family and friends.

Their careers offered moves in Oklahoma City and Richmond. Nine months before the Oklahoma City Bombing of the Murrah Building, they left Oklahoma City heading to Richmond. In Oklahoma City Donna worked as an Executive

Secretary at C. R. Anthony Company located just across the street from the Murrah Building where Larry worked. When they learned of the bombing, they knew they were blessed and that God was taking care of them.

Settling into a position at United Way, Donna's loving personality, excellent secretarial skills, effective communication and organizational skills moved her up the corporate ladder into the position of Executive Assistant to the CEO of United Way, a position she held until her death on September 24, 2016.

A fun loving lady who had a flair for fashion and was always well dressed exuded charm, love and kindness everywhere she went. She was such a lady that husband, Larry, would ALWAYS run to open doors for her, indoors, outdoors, car doors and any other door that she entered. Larry soon forgot her name, (her family thought) because he always called her Honey.

She did more than visit her family and friends, Donna participated in their activities. She was regional former president of Executive Women Incorporated (EWI). She was an Oklahoma Achievers Board Member, a volunteer of the Tenth Street Adult Living Center in Oklahoma City, a volunteer for the Oklahoma City Blood Drive and so many other non-profits in cities where she lived. She and Larry were always interested in improving their communities.

She was preceded in death by her father, Earnest (Oklahoma City).

Donna is survived by her mother, Juanita Winrow Davis, devoted and loving husband, Larry; daughters Regina Smith (William), Lisa Edwards Hairston and; son, Lawrence Edwards. She is survived by her grandchildren Jerome Edwards, King Cyrus Edwards, Aliyah Edwards, Elijah Smith, Janna Smith, and a host of other grand and great grandchildren that all cherish her memory. She is survived by six siblings, Anita Arnold, Terry Davis (Tomia), Carolyn Blevins (Luther), Jacquelyn Parks (Larry), Betty Slaughter (Maurie), Ellisa

(Kirn)

Johnson and a host of nieces nephews cousins aunts and uncles.

Cemetery Details

Earlsboro Cemetery

Earlsboro, OK

Previous Events

viewing

SEP **28**. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

SEP **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First African Baptist Church
2700 Hanes Ave
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Lavonne Edwards*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. May you all find comfort from God who provides comfort and peace “the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.” (Philippians 4:6, 7)*

Tamara Kumoji - September 30, 2016 at 07:47 PM



“ *Melinda Vincent lit a candle in memory of Donna Lavonne Edwards*



Melinda Vincent - September 29, 2016 at 08:32 AM



I am praying for you family. I will miss her smiling face.

Melinda Vincent - September 29, 2016 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Larry and the family of Donna Edwards. I worked with Donna in previous years at United Way. Donna had a wonderful smile. Was a caring, and loving person. GOD has sent for a wonderful angel and she will truly be missed. Rest in peace.*
Angela Brogdon

Angela Brogdon - September 28, 2016 at 03:04 PM

BA

“ With my deepest condolences to the family of Donna Edwards. May the Almighty, the God of tender mercies, and of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials,(2Cor.1: 3,4) comfort you and your family in this time of need.

Barnes - September 28, 2016 at 11:00 AM

LS

“ I had the honor of knowing Donna through my work at United Way. She was an amazing person who made everybody seem special and important. Her smile lit up the room. She brought her amazing mother to A Grace Place where we shared ideas on adult day services. Her mother was a colleague and a pioneer in adult day care. I was incredibly honored. Donna made an impact on me and so many others and I will miss her. My condolences to a very special family and to her mother who touched me as well. Her energy and dedication to help families and individuals who needed adult care was and is exemplary and a role model to us all.

lynne seward - September 28, 2016 at 09:54 AM

SV

“ Donna was such a special person. Sweet and genuinely caring. She will be missed, but I know she is with the Lord in all his glory!

Shannon Venable

Shannon Venable - September 27, 2016 at 03:01 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Lavonne Edwards.*



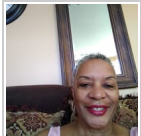
September 27, 2016 at 02:40 PM



“ *Donna was the most genuine person I have ever met. I worked with her at United Way for over 20 years and can't think of a time that she was anything but loving, compassionate, caring and a true friend. She was the epitome of what United Way stands for. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers and we will see her again. God bless you all.*

Betty Hobbs

Betty Hobbs - September 27, 2016 at 02:19 PM



“ *I will miss this special lady very much. Donna was a classy lady and a great friend to all she met. Donna's relationship with God never wavered during her final fight with cancer. She fought a good fight but in the end God said "Come home my daughter." While I will miss my friend, I will never forget our talks, laughter, searching for shoes on the internet, assisting her when she needed it and saying "I love you after every conversation. Rest in peace my dear friend until we meet again. Love you much, Pat Steward-Rogers*



Pat Steward-Rogers - September 27, 2016 at 07:02 AM

TP

“ *My heartfelt condolence to the family. May the MOST HIGH GOD comfort and sustain you during this difficult time. (Psalms 55:22; 2Corinthians1:3,4)*

T. Parker - September 27, 2016 at 05:50 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - September 26, 2016 at 11:33 PM