



Donna Cerwensky

January 14, 1961 - January 5, 2024

Donna Marie Cerwensky, age 62, of Alexandria, Virginia passed away peacefully at home on January 5, 2024. Donna was born in Dallas, Texas and was the daughter of Alfred Jacob and Wanda Lou (Hogue) Cerwensky. Donna graduated from Middleton High School in Middleton, Idaho in 1979. Following in both her parents' footsteps, Donna enlisted in the United States Marine Corps soon after graduation. She worked in aviation electronics and served in Millington, Tennessee; the Marine Corps Air Stations in El Toro, California and Iwakuni, Japan; and at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. After the Marine Corps, she moved to the Washington, DC area where she spent her career working at The Washington Post as a press operator.

After moving to Virginia, Donna was a longtime resident of the Hayfield Farm and Tartan Village communities in Alexandria. Donna arranged annual block parties for those who lived on her street and often invited neighbors to swim in her pool. Donna enjoyed fishing and camping and anything that involved the outdoors or her beloved Dallas Cowboys. She also very much looked forward to her annual trips to Atlantic City. Recently, Donna enjoyed living on the marina in Millsboro, Delaware.

Donna is survived by her brothers Alfred Cerwensky and Jacob (Jessica) Schepis, and her nephews Salem Schepis and Chris (Rachel) Stanley, and her nieces Hannah Schepis and Autumn Schepis. She also leaves behind her

best friends Linda and Emma, beloved Aunts June Middleton, Peggy Coppinger, and Barbara (Chip) Hogue, and a host of neighbors and friends that she loved very much. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Jon and sister Luise.

In lieu of flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Donna Marie Cerwensky, please consider a charitable gift to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, your local Disabled American Veterans Post, or local animal shelter.

Tribute Wall

VF

“ Donna was such a fun loving person. Every conversation we had with her always involved laughter. My daughters were always happy to see Donna. She always had a smile. A joyful person and we love her. Mercy and the grace of our Lord rest upon her.

Valandra Family - January 13, 2024 at 09:09 PM

 Linda Charest

“ Donna was my best friend for decades. Loyalty wasn't just a word for her; she always had my back. She was like a sister to me, even though our friends called us “The Bickersons.” She helped me through some medical problems of my own and always gave more than she got. Donna will be greatly missed by her Washington Post and USMC families, her birth family, and friends nationwide.

Linda Charest - January 10, 2024 at 02:34 PM

DG

Condolences to you Linda and to all that have had the pleasure to have Donna in their lives. She always made me laugh, especially when she'd say something hilarious with a straight face! God Speed Donna, you're missed

Diane Greene - January 10, 2024 at 02:58 PM

TO

Donner... she was kind, loving and very special. We will all have memories of our times with Donna and smile. My condolences to her family and her dear partner in crime, Linda. Special friendships are extended family and Donna had one heck of an extended family. She was loved and she sure will be missed.

Toni - January 10, 2024 at 07:06 PM

PA

Sorry Linda for the loss of your wonderful friend

Pauline - January 10, 2024 at 08:06 PM

JU

I have had some great times with Donna. More stories of all the crazy adventures we had in Atlantic City. So much fun. She will be missed by so many people. My prayers go to her extended family, especially Boom and Emma. RIP Donna. Semper Fi!

Judy - January 10, 2024 at 08:10 PM

TM

Sending my deepest condolences to Linda and Donna's family and friends. I have great appreciation towards all women who have served our country. May Donna rest in peace knowing that her Marine Corps family appreciates her service and that the Dallas Cowboys are looking good for the playoffs!

Theresa Moran - January 10, 2024 at 11:08 PM

LS

I met and hung out many times with Donna & Kathy Phippard while in Iwakuni. While this was way back in 1983, some people/Marines stick in your memory. She was funny & fun. RIP & Semper Fi

LYNN C SHANNON - January 11, 2024 at 09:42 AM

VT

Donna was an amazing daughter, sister, niece, aunt, friend and Marine. She was caring, kind, loyal and had a witty Texan sense of humor. Those of us who knew her experienced what her family and friends meant to her. Through the years Donna met many of my family members from Texas. Donna always remembered to ask about them. Just like my family always remembered to ask about her. She one of those expectational people once met...never forgotten. Go Cowboys!

Viola Tovar - January 11, 2024 at 11:25 AM

LH

Donna was a sweet woman with a big heart, always up for a good time and a laugh. She was kind, quick with her wit, well versed and fun! She will be missed by all who knew her. My condolences to her family, friends and her dearest friend Linda. Peace and safe passage. Donna, you are truly a friend that will be remembered, especially that infectious smile and dimples for days! Semper Fi.

Linda Harry - January 11, 2024 at 08:56 PM

KA

Miss you now and always Donnersan! Your friendship and kindness has no bounds. Thank you for your support and kindness.

Kathy - January 13, 2024 at 06:37 PM

SD

Worked with Donna at The Wash Post for many years. She was a fun, and a great person work with. We all miss her.

Sam Dorick

Sam Dorick - November 22, 2024 at 01:09 PM