



Donna Sue Taylor

July 4, 1950 - December 1, 2024

Donna Sue Taylor, 74, passed away on Sunday, December 1, 2024 doing what she loved most, volunteering at the Pet Food Pantry in Alton. Donna was born July 4, 1950 in Marion County, West Virginia, the only child of Raymond N. and Dortha Louise (Hawkins) Taylor. She was raised in Moon, Pennsylvania. She moved to Chicago and was hired by Ozark Airlines as a flight attendant in 1981. In 1986 Ozark merged with TWA and Donna merged too. She loved to travel and meet new people, and she did plenty of both. In 1986 Donna was honored with the Award of Excellence, the highest award given by TWA. Donna took an early retirement in 2003 and started Noah's Nanny Pet Sitting Service in Alton. Donna's parents preceded her in death. Left behind are her two Papillons, Remy and Bijou and friends and pets whose hearts were touched by her love and vivacious personality. In her memory, please donate to the Pet Food Pantry c/o St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10 East 3rd St., Alton, IL 62002 or your favorite shelter or humane society. There are no services at this time. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Not surprisingly, I met Donna while we were walking our dogs. I was immediately struck by her warmth, kindness, and gentle nature. In addition to the wide ranging experiences listed in her obituary, Donna served as a hospice volunteer for many years, always accompanied by one of her beloved canines. In that role, she eased the pain and fears not only of her dying clients, but also their family members. She was an excellent listener and highly motivated to help others. Most recently, she advised me about a problem with my dog, correctly assessing that it was not a behavioral issue, as I'd assumed, but rather a physical matter, which a veterinarian easily remedied. Without her insight, my dog would still be suffering. In short, an exceptional person, who had no idea that she was extraordinary, has left the planet. I know I'm only one of many she influenced and who will miss her greatly.

Kathryn Zellich - December 12, 2024 at 11:48 PM



Through Kathryn Donna helped my family as well. I never even had the pleasure of meeting this wonderful woman and I feel the loss of her . What a wonderful person who made this world a better place
RIP Donna.
Jeanne snell

Jeanne Snell - December 14, 2024 at 03:05 PM



“ Donna and I were neighbors and we often stopped to talk to each other while she was walking her sweet dogs. We recently moved but Donna was someone I will never forget. My son, Chris helped her with her lawn and became instant friends. Donna, you were a very special person! You will be missed by many especially your sweet babies. Thank you for all the chats and shared stories.

Linda Jun

Linda Jun - December 08, 2024 at 06:02 PM



“ Donna was the most kind person that I had the opportunity to meet at my job at her dog's veterinary clinic. Donna always had a loving smile and lit up the office every single time that she walked in. She brought warmth and kindness every time I saw her. I used to call her "Ms. Taylor" when she came into the building and I will never forget the day she winked at me and said:
"Between you and I, call me Donna." .
Donna Taylor will be missed greatly, and it was a blessing and an opportunity to have met and worked with this amazing, kind, passionate, considered person before she left us. She will be in my prayers.

Darius Cansler - December 04, 2024 at 09:26 PM

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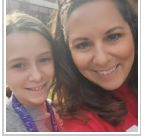
“ Donna and I met when we were training our dogs for Therapy Dogs with June Walker. We hit it off as friends the first day we met. Donna and I made several Therapy Dog visits together and always seemed to get in trouble for doing something with each other. She was always available every time my husband would end up in the hospital to take care of my fur babies. She always called my farm the Red Dog Inn because I had 3 red Golden Retrievers and a little black mutt. She would sit for hours outside with them and just enjoy the peace and quiet. My cats loved her too and would always meet her at the door when she came. Through the years the Therapy Dog visits slowed down but we continued to talk to each other and meet for lunch or just hang out in her back yard with her dogs. She will be sadly missed but never forgotten. Pattie Gibbs and the 4 Golden Retrievers, Jack, PJ, Maverick, and Daisy

Pattie Gibbs - December 04, 2024 at 08:03 PM

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My husband Gene and I met Donna through Therapy Dogs International! We did a few visits with her and helped with a Husky rescue and continued to see her off and on over the years keeping in touch through others and occasional phone calls! Donna was such a kind person and was so concerned about people and their pets, especially helping with free food and other items such as blankets, beds, shampoo to help them. She was a joy to be around and kept your spirits up by her concern! We will certainly miss her but will never forget her! Our hearts 💕 go out to all she loved and came in contact with this Angel! Rest in God's peace and look out for our pets at the bridge until we get there! Gene and Carolyn Holt and Heavenly Pups!

Carolyn and Gene Holt - December 06, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *Brendan and I have known Donna since before we were even married. We met at a dog obedience class and frequently got "in trouble" for talking. We then joined a therapy dog group with her call Touched By A Canine and made visits to the library with our dogs and went to social gatherings. When we got married, she watched our furbaby, Jasmine and almost ruined my wedding flowers. (Funny story behind that one). Through the years, she continued to take care of our 2 dogs when we went out of town and we would stay in touch. We made it a yearly tradition to meet up the Monday after Thanksgiving and do the walk through at Rock Springs park together. She always made us laugh, had interesting stories about her flight attendant days and her own beloved pets. We may not talk frequently but it was always like no time had passed. She was a kind-hearted friend who always had a smile on her face and would help anyone she could. She will be greatly missed.*

Krista St Peters - December 04, 2024 at 01:00 PM

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“ *We were Donna's first Noah's Nanny clients, and she was a life - saver so we could connect with our daughter through her college and law school years. Donna was a wonderful person and pet sitter. She loved our kitties and our scotties and they loved her back. Energetic and helpful to a fault. We know she was greeted at the rainbow bridge by all of the pets she nurtured and it was quite the scene. We loved her. Lynda and George Dixon*

Lynda Dixon - December 03, 2024 at 06:42 PM