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Donna King Obituary

A gathering of family and friends to honor the life of Donna King will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Monday, June 3, 2019 at RiverCrest, Bixby. A celebration of her life will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, 2019 also at RiverCrest. Donna passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2019 in Owasso. She was 73. Born November 28, 1945 in Rogers, Arkansas, Donna was the baby of four born to Hollis and Vivian (Belle) Barron. Her eldest brother, Jack, was away at war when he had a dream that his mother was having another baby. He wrote to her, expressing how humorous that thought was. She would respond that his dream was correct. Donna Gayle Barron was that dream come true. In addition to her brother, Jack, Donna was welcomed by a sister, Jobelle and brother, Clayton. With the two older siblings out of the house, Donna would mainly grow up with Clayton. Donna would often talk of those days, at home, where the two would race up and down the stairs and enjoyed being kids. She also claimed that the only reason Clayton won those races was because he grabbed and pulled at her legs. Family was certainly important to the Barron's and when others came to visit, Donna would give up her bed and head out to the screened-in-porch where she joined her cousins. Having no heat or air out there, the kids kept warm, in the winter, by snuggling up and with lots of blankets! In school, Donna was a drum majorette and a twirler - even twirling batons with fire! Upon her graduation, she attended the University of Arkansas where she pursued a mathematics education degree. It was there that she went on a double date and met an Airman named Vernon King. This meeting would forever change her life as the two eventually married and were blessed with two children: Trista and Jonathon. It would be soon after college that Donna had the opportunity to teach abroad. She taught in Dubai while Vernon was stationed there in the Oil Industry. She would return to the states to raise her family and although her marriage would dissolve, becoming a mother was the best thing



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that ever happened to Donna. Indeed, her love for her children would be proven over and over again as she worked tirelessly to provide for them - sometimes two or three jobs at a time. In the words of Jonathon, he knows that he and Trista "won the lottery with their mom." He went on to say that, "Most others would've folded if given the cards of life that mom was dealt. Instead, she was strong and resilient and was always there for us." Donna had received her Master's in Mathematics Education and she enjoyed teaching. However, to earn a little more, for her family of three, she paused her teaching career to work first for Merrill Lynch and, soon thereafter, in the Corporate office for a Louisiana Tex-Mex restaurant chain, Cuco's. She would eventually return to teaching where she would have Jonathon as a student. Fortunately, both would survive that year even though it was difficult for Jonathon to remember to call his mom - Ms. King - in the classroom and despite the banter he endured from his fellow classmates. Donna would remain a teacher at McMain School until Hurricane Katrina devastated the area. She would then finish her career working as a "Master Teacher" for Algiers Charter Schools where she had the task of training other teachers and ensuring they performed up to the required standards. She would retire from this endeavor in 2012. Throughout her time in New Orleans, and especially during retirement, Donna enjoyed attending and being active in her church, Victory Fellowship. There, she was involved in numerous ministries including: Feed the Multitudes, Beyond the Grave (a play based on the Columbine school shooting) and a womens prison ministry. She also returned to being a student, herself, at Bethesda Bible College. There, she studied and became a chaplain and an ordained minister. She later would be recognized as a deacon at her church and accomplished one of her lifelong dreams when she returned to Bethesda Bible College to teach. When not at work or serving through her church, Donna could be found with a book in her hand or catching a movie. This petite, yet mighty little lady was not one for chick-flicks however. She was in for more of a "Bang 'em up, shoot 'em up", as she would say, adventure. Donna has been described as: resilient, strong and loyal. She was a wonderful mother, sister, grandmother and friend. In 2014, as her health was declining, Donna made a move to Bixby to be closer to her children. As she has been preparing these past few years to meet her Lord and Savior, it was on



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Thursday, May 30, 2019 that her name was called. Although they will miss her deeply, her family and friends take great comfort in knowing that she is now Home. Those she leaves to carry on her legacy include: children: daughter, Trista Huntley and husband, Patrick; son, Jonathon King and wife, Chenoa; grandchildren: Emma, Christian, Nathanael and Trinity; siblings: Jack Barron and wife, Gloria of Topeka, KS; Jobelle Troxell of Little Rock, AR; Clayton Barron and wife, Mary of Ft. Worth, TX. She is also survived by numerous other family and friends including her grand-dog, Angel. She was preceded in death by: her parents, Hollis and Vivian Barron. Visitation RiverCrest Chapel 13329 S. Memorial Dr. Bixby, Oklahoma 74008 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Service RiverCrest Chapel 13329 S. Memorial Dr. Bixby, Oklahoma 74008 11:00 AM

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