



Donna Smith Spalding

July 17, 1948 - August 28, 2007

Donna June Smith Spalding, 59, a homemaker went to be with her Lord Tuesday August 28. She was born on June 17, 1948 to Loyd and Leota (McCallip) Smith in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She married the Rev. Jimmie Spalding on May 29, 1964 in Oklahoma City. They raised one daughter, Connie, together with love. She was a faithful member of Bethel Assembly of God serving as their pastor's wife with great devotion. She is preceded in death by her father Loyd Smith and her stepfather Ralph Powers. She is survived by her husband Rev. Jimmie Spalding; her mother Leota Powers of Norman, OK; her daughter Connie Attaway of Jacksboro; her three sisters Shirley Lineberger and husband Larry of Mabank, Texas, Ruthie Powers of Purcell, OK and LaVerne Guthrie of Yukon, OK; her brother Dale Powers of Los Angeles; her grandson Bucky Kuykendall; her granddaughter Ashley Neil and husband Christopher; her great-grandchildren Jordan, Jayton and Jackson Neil and a host of other friends and family whom were loved and touched by her gentle spirit. Memorials may be made to: Bethel Assembly of God 1150 State Hwy 148 Jacksboro, Texas 76458 Visitation will be Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Coker Funeral Home in Jacksboro, Texas. Services will be held on Friday at 10:00am at First Baptist Church in Jacksboro with Rev. Winn Mack officiating and Randy Osborn and Bro. Dwayne Lamberson assisting. Burial will follow at 3:30pm at Hamlin Memorial Cemetery in Hamlin, Texas on Friday as well.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Smith Spalding*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *Donna Smith Spalding*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Jimmy and Family.*
Deepest sympathy for your loss of Donna.

Sandra Fields - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *She was a friend that even on your first meeting would allow you to feel like you've been friends forever. The most gracious and selfless person that I've ever met. This earth will forever feel a void with her passing, yet heaven is just that much sweeter now that her sweetness will fill the air in her new home., a place that I look forward to going to when the Lord is finished with me here. We will all miss her, but we would'nt want to pull her out of the arms of God. All our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll.*
Jeannie & Danny Copeland

Jeannie Copeland - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I thought it would get a little easier as time passed, but I do not find that to be true. I miss you more and more each day. I saw a store in the mall with dresses just the way you would wear. I walked by a Grandma with her grandchild and I swear she smelled just like you did. Hopeful; I had to look twice. I question: Why would God take the most wonderful person I've ever known? Why you? But I know, this world was a better world with you in it, and God must have had a good reason to take you to be with him. Jayton says when he sees a shooting star, he'll know it's you watching over him. I know it too. I love you and miss you.

Ashley - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ You were a true example of a Christian woman. More women should follow your example.

David Jackson - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Donna accepted me and my daughter into her family with no reservations or requirements. She made us both feel like we were born into this family. She did not judge or discriminate, just love and accept. Thank you

Christopher Neill - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Donna was very independent right up until she could no longer get up with the walker. I guess that's comes from being the first born. She would not ask you to do anything as long as she could do it herself. She was very strong and courageous to the very end. No matter how bad she was hurting she would never ask for pain medicine unless you asked her if she was in pain then she would finally admit she needed something. She didn't want to be a burden to anyone and often times she would write on her board I'm sorry. Even though she had not been able to eat for 13-14 months when they would bring a tray in for lunch or supper she would tell me if I set it aside, "You need to eat that before it gets cold". Or if she knew I was having to drive back to Oklahoma that evening she would write, "You need to leave so you won't be getting home real late". She was always more worried about someone else than she was herself. She was and always will be a great role model to follow. My brother said she was the least judgemental person he had ever met.

Lavern Guthrie - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ TO JIMMY,

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING CARE OF MY
SISTER. THAT MAKES YOU AN EXTRA
SPECIAL BROTHER-IN-LAW. YOU WERE THE
BEST NURSE DONNA HAD. I'M SORRY I
WASN'T MUCH HELP--THAT WAS THE MOST
TERRIFYING DISEASE I HAVE EVER SEEN. I
HAVE NEVER FELT SO HELPLESS IN MY LIFE
NOT BEING ABLE TO HELP DONNA. I WANTED
TO HELP HER BREATHE. I KNOW I DIDN'T
SAY ENOUGH PRAYERS FOR HER.
PLEASE FOR GIVE ME FOR MY PAST BEHAVIOR.
I DO LOVE YOU A LOT. AND SO DID DONNA
BUT I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT.
YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN
THANX!

ruthie powers - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ DONNA WAS A VERY NICE , FRIENDLY PERSON, SHE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY.
SHE HAS MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO LOVES HER.
A FRIEND ,
LINDA SHEARMAN
GENA KUYKENDALL WILLIAMS MEMAW

LINDA SHEARMAN - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *i just want people to know i loved her like a mom and if you did not have the privelege to meet her you definitely missed a wonderful soul. i do know donnas main goal life was for people to come to know jesus, she was a prayer warrior her love to me was so unconditional. it has been 9 months since my mom shirley workman went to be with jesus and i will never forget that on mothers day that night pastor had some flowers to give to each mother that morning at church he had got a extra for me to take to my moms grave and as we got ready to go to the cemetary and she wanted to go even though she was not feeling well she wanted to go so the 3 of us went and she will never know what that did for me but that was her being there for everyone no matter how she felt. i love you donna and i will miss you. you and my mom are in the same room now.*

Rod & Kathy Hammond - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ MY TRIBUTE TO DONNA

HER LEGACY OF LOVE IS FOR ALL
TO BE SEEN
FOR HER HUSBAND
A STRENGTH WITHOUT WAIVER
YET AS TENDER AS A DAFFODIL
BLOWING IN THE WIND
FOR HER DAUGHTER
A JUDGELESS LOVE
AND A TOUCH AS SWEET AS HONEY

FOR HER FRIENDS
A SELFLESS LOVE UNSELFISH AND PURE
HER PRESENCE WILL BE MISSED
A VOID WITHOUT A FILL

WITH A GENTLE SPIRIT SOFT AS A WHISPER
AND A FAITH AS STRONG AS A TOWER
HER TIME HERE WITH US SEEMED TOO SHORT
BUT TO HER FATHER NOT SOON ENOUGH

THE ANGELS AWAIT HER
WITH A ROBE OF PURE WHITE
WHILE THE FATHER STANDS CLOSE
WITH ARMS OPEN WIDE

HOW GLORIOUS IT WILL BE AS SHE JOINS
IN THE CHORUS
WITH A VOICE LOUD AND CLEAR
WITHOUT FALTER OR FAIL

SHE NOW LOOKS DOWN ON US
WITH A SMILE AND A GLOW
AND SAYS "DON'T WEEP FOR ME,
BECAUSE NOW I AM HOME"

Jeannie Copeland
8-29-2007

JEANNIE COPELAND - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Donna was comfort to me, just knowing she was just around the corner gave me strength. I was once hospitalized about 3 years ago. I remember Donna being in the room with me when the doctors said I had multiple masses on my brain. She cried and prayed for me. She was there daily, the scent she carried, was the scent of Jesus. I longed to smell that scent during those days. Each time she touched me I felt comfort. I will miss her always, but I know I long to smell that scent again. One of these days, I will, I have to try harder now, because there have been 2 women in my life who gave me comfort, both are gone, so I **MUST** get to see them again, which will require much work on my part. I loved her and was grateful to be allowed to kiss her on the forehead and tell her I loved her the night before she went to be with the Lord. Donna was so giving, before I was released to drive again, I was pregnant with my youngest son and needed a ride to my objyn on several occasions, Donna was already having minor problems at the tie, but she took me! Thats love! Love I long for again. I have missed church alot, intend on going back and staying thru as much as I can, need a little help now and then. My angel is watching over me tho, and I believe she , along with the Lord will be there to guide me in times of troubles. I will forever miss Donna and will forever love her.

Rami Bodey - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I loved her so much. If you had the privelege to know her then you were the blessed one, she made you feel special. She never judged anyone, but always encouraged those who struggled. She was an awesome prayer warrior. Donna never gave up, she had that kind of tenacity in every aspect of her life. I have known her for over 30 years, and had the most pleasure of having her as our pastor's wife. Through all of her pain throughout the many years I never heard her complain. Her strength in her time of need was Jesus and she knew that and had complete confidence in Him. She has set a tremendous example of what it is to be a true Christian. She always thought of others before herself. She was so precious to me. I am truly the blessed one. I am so thankful that Jesus gave me this much time to have her in my life. I think of the times at the alter with her...precious memories...how they will linger for me...truly our loss is definitely heaven's gain..My mother Shirley Workman went to be with the Lord on October 23,2006 and I can only imagine what a joyous time they are having in eternity. Donna has left a legacy to us, she set the example, she ran the race and was victorious when she finished that race. I will always love her and will miss her, but this I do know...one day I will see her again along side my mother.

my prayers our with you guys. I know Jesus will heal all hurts.

Chris

Chris Armstrong - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM