



## Iris "Donna" Dawn Witherow

December 27, 1937 - May 27, 2022

Iris Dawn (Donna) Witherow, age 84, of Pulaski, TN died May 27th, 2022 at Alliance Regional Medical Center in Burlington, N.C. She was born December 27, 1937 in Caswell Co. N.C. She was a devoted wife, a loving daughter, sister and a very special aunt to all of her nieces and nephews. She was a faithful member of Fairview Church of Christ, a Christian who loved God.

She met her husband, John who was in the Service while in North Carolina. They married in 1954. She quickly adapted to becoming a military wife and for the next 20 years she moved wherever John was stationed from VA to CA. and even Guam.

After his retirement from the U.S. Navy in 1975, he brought her to Giles County where they lived the remainder of their 58 years together, primarily in Minor Hill, Tn.

She made the decision last year to return to Burlington N.C. to be near her nephew and his wife. This had also been where she grew up and sometimes still referred to it as home.

Her sweet, quiet, humble spirit endeared her to us all. She will be greatly missed and was deeply loved by all who knew her.

The family request that In lieu of flowers, you please make a donation to Fairview Church of Christ, 1765 Industrial Loop Rd, Pulaski, TN. 38478 or to

the Giles County Humane Society, PO Box 237, Pulaski, TN. 38478

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, June 16th at 11:00 am at Maplewood Cemetery, Pulaski Tn.

She is preceded in death by her husband, John Breckenridge Witherow, Jr., parents Clyde Pittman Mize and Gladys Mary Richmond, one brother, two sisters, a nephew and a special nephew Richard Baker.

Survivors include 5 nieces, 4 local nieces by marriage and several great nieces and nephews.

Bennett-May & Pierce are in charge of arrangements for Iris Dawn "Donna" Witherow.

# Cemetery Details

## Maplewood Cemetery

500 Ballentine Street  
Pulaski, TN

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maplewood Cemetery  
500 Ballentine Street  
Pulaski, TN

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Sheryl Brown** - January 07, 2023 at 11:57 AM

SB

“ I found this old photo from 1962 recently . This is my sister Judy with Aunt Donna made during our visit to Norfolk Va . Uncle JB had left and was to be gone a long time. She drove down to Pulaski Tn to get us .

We went to the beach every day . She grew tired of it I know but we begged until she would give in .

After our visit she drove back to Tn to bring us home.

She is still very much on our minds and in our hearts .



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**Sheryl Brown** - June 21, 2022 at 11:21 AM

SB

“ These are pictures from Donna and JB’s grave site after she was laid to rest .



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**Sheryl Brown** - June 21, 2022 at 11:13 AM

LH

“ Aunt Donna’s ashes were returned from her home state, NC and she was laid to rest yesterday in Pulaski, TN where she and my Uncle Johnny lived for many years after his retirement. I was unable to attend the graveside service and burial as I myself live in CT. but I was there in spirit. Aunt Donna was always my favorite aunt, my mother’s baby sister. After I was born, she lived with us and took care of me while my mother worked. She told me not too long ago that I was like a daughter to her, that meant a lot. She left NC and the family after marrying Uncle Johnny and never returned to live in NC until a couple months before she passed.

As a small child, Aunt Donna’s visits meant chocolate gravy biscuits, yummy chocolate fudge and the most delicious homemade chocolate cake ever. My sister Dianne and I started begging for these treats before she could get her bags out of the car. I loved her visits so much.

After moving to CT as an adult, I saw Aunt Donna infrequently but I treasured our long (2-3 hour) telephone conversations and the many cards and letters we exchanged over the years. I will miss her so very much. She was a wonderful, kind gentle soul and a caring, loving aunt.

I know my dear aunt is in heaven now, reunited with Uncle Johnny and others in the family who passed before her. Her pain is forever gone and she is resting in the arms of the angels. RIP Aunt Donna I will always love you and I miss you already. Please watch over those of us who loved you and are left behind, we can all use another angel.

♥ Your loving niece, Lynne

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Lynne Huffines - June 17, 2022 at 02:23 PM

SB

*Thank you for this beautiful tribute Lynne . Sheryl Brown*

Sheryl Brown - June 21, 2022 at 11:09 AM

LB

“ *Forgot to post this one... took this in the balcony of the symphony..*  
❤️



Lindsey Braden - May 29, 2022 at 03:34 PM

LB

“ *Loved this precious, gentle soul so very much. So very happy that she's reunited with her love and is safe in the arms of Jesus. From holidays, to doctor visit road trips, to the symphony in downtown nashville, and many meals shared, I am so grateful for all the blessings and memories she's added to my life over the years.*

*Some of these photos may be duplicates but just sharing what I have* ❤️🥰



Lindsey Braden - May 29, 2022 at 03:20 PM

JM

“ I am sorry for your loss of Donna. She was such a nice person. I always enjoyed seeing and talking to her at church. She will be missed by many. Beautiful family family pictures.

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**June Morgan** - May 29, 2022 at 09:30 AM

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**Sheryl Brown** - May 29, 2022 at 08:07 AM

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**Sheryl Brown** - May 29, 2022 at 08:05 AM

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Sheryl Brown - May 28, 2022 at 11:42 PM

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Sheryl Brown - May 28, 2022 at 11:34 PM

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Sheryl Brown - May 28, 2022 at 11:26 PM

LY

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Lynne - May 28, 2022 at 09:57 PM

SB

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Sheryl Brown - May 28, 2022 at 09:53 PM

DT

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Dianne Teitelbaum - May 28, 2022 at 06:15 PM

DT

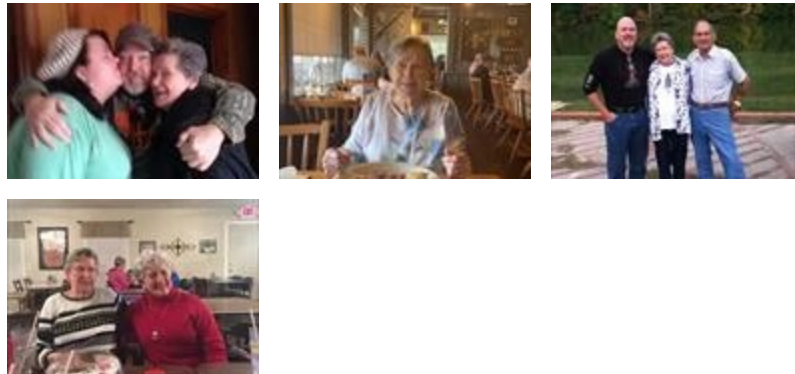
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Dianne Teitelbaum - May 28, 2022 at 06:12 PM

DB

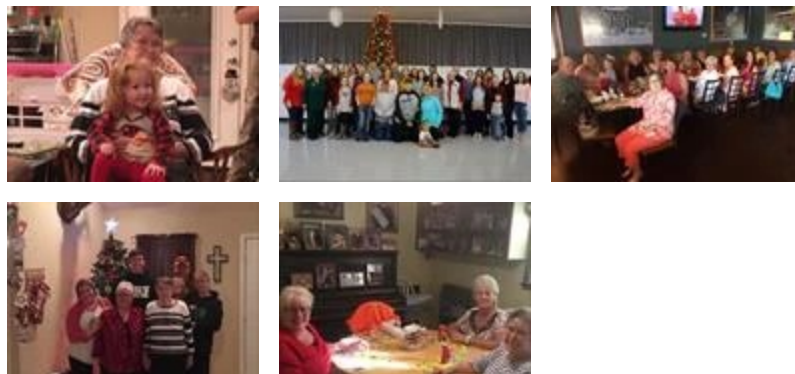
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deborah baker - May 28, 2022 at 05:57 PM

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Sheryl Brown - May 28, 2022 at 03:40 PM

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Sheryl Brown - May 28, 2022 at 03:18 PM

SB

*Today, June 16th, we will lay our Aunt Donna to rest beside John her husband who was Uncle JB to us. This special couple brought so much joy and love to our family . We will miss her just as much as we missed Uncle JB when he passed in 2015.  
Our lives were enriched by having them close these last 37 years .  
Thank you God for placing them in our lives  
Now may they Rest In Peace together until you return .  
I love you Donna .  
Sheryl*

Sheryl Brown - June 16, 2022 at 08:56 AM

SB

*I meant 47 years you all were back here with us .  
it was a lifetime .. 😊*

Sheryl Brown - June 16, 2022 at 09:23 AM