



## Donna Dukes

January 2, 1957 - November 21, 2017

Donna Dukes, 60, of Ladson passed away on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at her home.

A Gathering of friends and family will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 2 o'clock until 4 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home.

Donna was born January 2, 1957 in Greenville, SC daughter of Carol H. Larkins and Bobbie Larkins of Ladson. She was a graduate of Summerville High School and attended Lander College. She was always the life of the party and loved spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Survivors include her parents Sam and Bobbie; one son: Dylan Dukes (Adrienne); one daughter: Samantha Davis (Ronnie); three grandsons: Elias, Connor and Zeke; all of Summerville; one brother: Barry Larkins (Loralei) of Summerville; one sister: Lauri Leopard (Henry) of Pageland, SC; one niece: Candace and two nephews: Brad and JB.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to American Cancer Society 269 Calhoun St, Charleston, SC 29401.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH  
MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends & Family

DEC 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Dukes*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - November 28, 2017 at 12:45 PM

KF

*My best friend in high school. I will miss you so very much. I was hoping to see you this Christmas, it was not to be. We had so much fun together. Cutting the fool in high school and then afterwards having our kids together. And then later in life when things were not so rosy. I loved you then and I love you now. My heart is broken...Dear Donna Carlene, how do you say goodbye to your very best friend. I will miss you my friend. xoxo,karen*

Karen Fishman - December 01, 2017 at 12:13 AM



“ *Donna Dukes*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM

DG

“ *Dwight and Lisa Larkins, Lawrenceville, Georgia purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Donna Dukes.*



Dwight and Lisa Larkins, Lawrenceville, Georgia - December 03, 2017 at 10:36 AM



Maxcine  
Maxted

“ *Donna was always making everyone laugh. She was a very special friend to my Mom and as an extension to me and my family as well. She will be missed but never forgotten. Her spirit lives in all of those she touched. Love Maxcine, Tony, and Jenna Maxted.*

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**Maxcine Maxted** - December 02, 2017 at 03:01 PM

LF

“ *Love, Karen Arnold Fishman purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donna Dukes.*



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**Love, Karen Arnold Fishman** - December 01, 2017 at 12:20 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Donna Dukes.*



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November 30, 2017 at 05:27 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donna Dukes.*



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November 29, 2017 at 12:10 PM

NM

“ Nancy Miles lit a candle in memory of Donna Dukes



Nancy Miles - November 28, 2017 at 08:58 AM

NM

“ We worked side by side (talking through a doorway opening) every day. I never was one to read, but; Donna read everything. She would pic a book and every day when the phone was quiet she would start reading to me; only for a fee minutes at a time. I don't think we ever finished a book; but, I loved her reading to me

Nancy Miles - November 28, 2017 at 08:52 AM

DB

“ Donna was always a smile on the other end of the phone. She was so calming when you called Summerville Family Practice at a time that may have been otherwise stressful My prayers are with her family and her work family, I know she will be missed by all including me and the rest of my family. Debbie Brannen, patient since 1981

Deborah Brannen - November 26, 2017 at 03:24 PM

RJ

“ Donna and I worked together for 30 years at the Summerville Family Peactice. She often had a joke to share or a smile to give. We will miss her!!!  
Robin j

Robin Joseph - November 26, 2017 at 07:05 AM

TA

“ I met Donna in 1970 when our fathers were stationed at Charleston Air Force Base, SC. She was a character even then, comical and dramatic. We sang Supremes songs and danced in our bedrooms. We walked all over the base together, looking for boys and laughing. We played Instant Karma on my record player till my mom threatened to break that record in half. We wrote notes folded into tiny compact triangles and decorated with colored markers, and we passed them to one another in the hallways at school. We gave each other nicknames: Bean Queen and Larkle Farkle. We also went through integration together, when the CAFB kids were bussed to Bonds Wilson High School, Home of the Cobras (“Strike, Cobras! Hiss!” as a cheer sent us into peals of high-pitched giggles.) It turned out to be a momentous year, one that taught us a lot about unity. My father retired in 1971 and we moved to Florida. But Donna and I never lost touch. We wrote letters and talked on the phone for over 40 years, through marriages and divorces, births and deaths, hurricanes and tornadoes. She never failed to make me laugh or encourage me, and her memory of our youthful time together was UNCANNY. She remembered episodes and adventures in vivid detail, and reminded me of many of our mishaps and misdeeds! The last time we spoke was in September. “Bean, I am sick,” she told me. “The doctor says it may be bad.” But she refused to talk about that any more. “I’m gonna tell you stories about GB (my sister Diane, who died of pancreatic cancer last fall) and Vivian (my mother, who died in 1984).” And she did. She told stories with that sassy southern drawl, with flair and dramatic style, and we laughed and cried before we got off the phone.

*Larkle Farkle, you left an imprint on this world with your wide open heart and your dry, hysterical humor.*

*My prayers and sympathy go out to Sam & Bobbie, Lauri & Barry, Samantha & Dylan, and the rest of the family.*

*Terrie Queen Autrey*

*Ruston, LA*

**Terrie Queen Autrey** - November 25, 2017 at 11:12 AM



“ *I met Donna on her wedding day. She was beautiful. Love her. Hugs for Dyan and Sam and families. Sorry for your loss.* ”

**Stephanie Steen** - November 25, 2017 at 06:41 AM

 **Terri Larkins**

“ *Terri Larkins lit a candle in memory of Donna Dukes* ”



**Terri Larkins** - November 24, 2017 at 10:32 AM

 **Terri Larkins**

“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences to the Larkins family. Donna was always the life of the party and full of jokes ready to make you laugh. She will be sadly missed but all of her family.* ”

**Terri Larkins** - November 24, 2017 at 10:30 AM

TH

“ We were young mothers together long ago on Water Oak Drive in Goose Creek.

*I babysat Dylan when Sam was born. When we brought him to the hospital to see his new sister, Ronny was busting with grins!*

*In fact he was the first dad at Trident allowed in the delivery room for a c-section!. You guys made history!*

*I remember too, that you always hated your nose, but when they wheeled you out, the first thing you said was " doesn't she have the cutest little nose!".. It was the exact small replica of your own.*

*life seemed to get in the way of such things later, but I'll always remember THAT Donna.*

*Sleep well, dear one. I hope that now you have all your dreams and needs met, in a way that this life never could quite provide.*

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**Toni C. Haynes** - November 23, 2017 at 06:48 AM