



## Donna E. Boykin

February 12, 1946 - October 19, 2019

Donna E. Boykin, 73, of Summerville, wife of Michael L. Boykin, passed away Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Trident Medical Hospital.

A Gathering of family and friends will be held Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 3 to 4:30 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home followed by her Memorial Service at 4:30 o'clock. Following her memorial service visitors will be received at Foster Creek Villas, 59 Pulaski Street, Villa 59, Goose Creek, SC 29445 (Naval Weapons Station)

Donna was born February 12, 1946 in Upland, PA, but raised in Media, PA, the daughter of the late John S. Kates and Avalene Pruitt Kates.

Donna served in the United States Navy and retired from the VA Hospital, Charleston, with over twenty years of active and civil service. Donna loved gardening, baking and reading. She cared deeply for animals and veterans and donated to many worthwhile causes. Her faith in God was great and helped guide her through many hard times. She was the oldest of three sisters. She was the matriarch and rock of the family. She was a force to be reckoned with if she was in her slippers and curlers. She was stern but loving and kept you in line with the "Look". She was loved and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) or the Disabled Veterans Association at <http://www.dav.org>

Survivors, include her husband Michael, and two daughters: Cathi Sacks and Relea Boykin Meyer; one granddaughter: Arden Boykin, two sisters: Annette Collins (John) and Johnni Jordan (Jim), and brother in law: Bruce Boykin and several beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a grandson: Jacob Boykin.

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

OCT **26**. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

## Service

OCT **26**. 4:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna E. Boykin



James A Dyal Funeral Home - October 24, 2019 at 10:52 AM

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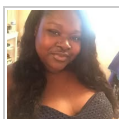
*Oh my , this is azz absolutely wonderful. I can't get over how much your daughter looks just like her when she was younger. It's amazing and just as beautiful as her grandmother. GOD BLESS.*

Marlene Walton - October 24, 2019 at 01:21 PM

BR

*Prayers of peace for your family.*

Belinda Riffie - October 24, 2019 at 02:17 PM



*I never regretted a day that I spent with your family and loved your Mom dearly. Both of your parents treated me like family and I will cherish that for as long as I live. God will continue to bless all of you even though an angel was called home. Luv you all.*

Cornelius Smalls - October 24, 2019 at 06:51 PM

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*May she enjoy her glorious Angel Wings. May her sprit continue to live through her children, grand children, loved ones and friends she has touched throughout her life here. God bless this new Angels family. 🙏*

Tammy Navarro-Owens - October 24, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ Donna E. Boykin

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ Knowing Donna was a privilege, honor and delight. She was a special person to be around and a joy to talk to, just be careful of "The Look." I was was part of the family for close to 10 years and she always kept me straight. You will be loved and missed. Until we meet again.



Barry Dearborn - October 26, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ Thinking of your family and sending prayers, love and hugs.

Cindy Rogers - October 25, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ So sorry to hear that Donna has passed. I worked with her at the VA and she and I carpooled together. Such a devastating loss. She will be missed.  
Marie Fahner



Ella Fahner - October 24, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Donna E. Boykin.



October 24, 2019 at 08:59 AM

JD

“ I have not seen Donna since I guess having a glass of Tea with her and aunt Avalene. I Pass on our deepest sympathy to the Family .  
Joe Davis

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Joe davis - October 24, 2019 at 04:51 AM

PR

“ Aunt Donna was my best friend when I was an awkward teen. She talked to me about everything and anything. She answered all my questions and gave me confidence in myself. I consider myself so lucky to have been able to call her AUNT. I will love and miss her for all my days. Sleep in peace. 💔💔💔🌹🌹



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Pat Rausch - October 23, 2019 at 05:41 PM