



Donna Jean Phillips

February 22, 1931 - September 7, 2025

Ms. Donna Jean Phillips, age 94, of the Hopewell community in Blount County, Alabama, passed away peacefully at her home during the early morning hours of Sunday, September 7, 2025. Born in Madison, South Dakota, on February 22, 1931, Donna was the cherished daughter of Vern Allan Hewitt and Lucille Uthe Hewitt.

Donna made Blount County her home more than 40 years ago, becoming a beloved member of the Hopewell community. Alongside her family, she owned and operated the Triangle Restaurant for many years, providing a warm gathering place for friends and neighbors. Donna also contributed her talents to Syncro Corporation, where she was a valued member of the workforce until her retirement.

Donna's life echoed the values of her generation: an appreciation for simple pleasures and a deep love for family. She found joy tending her flower and vegetable gardens, and she took pride in canning and preserving the fruits of her labor. Her home was always filled with love, warmth, and the delicious flavors of homegrown produce.

Donna's loving family left behind to cherish their memories include her sons, Robert Barnes, and Jim Barnes (Kelly Conner); daughter, Debbie Collins; granddaughters, Tracy Jackson, Stacy Wilbourn and Laura Pruitt; great grandchildren, Taylor Jackson, and Sean Jackson (Mariena); great great grandchildren, Dean Jackson and Mia Jackson.

Preceding Donna in death include her husband, Raymon Phillips; parents, Vern and Lucille Hewitt and infant son David Barnes.

Services for Donna will be Saturday, September 13, 2025 at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel in Arab, Alabama. The family will greet friends and guests for a visitation beginning at 10:00 until the funeral service starts at 11:00 am. Burial will be in Arab Memorial Cemetery. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel is entrusted with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

565 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Funeral Service

SEP 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ You will be deeply missed Aunt Donna. Love Sheila and Jenna❤️❤️❤️❤️



Sheila - September 11, 2025 at 09:09 PM

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“ The Forster & Cruz Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Jean Phillips.

The Forster & Cruz Family - September 11, 2025 at 03:48 PM

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“ The Forster & Cruz Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Donna Jean Phillips.



The Forster & Cruz Family - September 11, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ Grammy,
I miss you. 😭 I have so many memories and will cherish them always. Spending the last couple of months at your house helping take care of you was a blessing. Although you were bedridden, you loved being at YOUR HOME. I have peace knowing you were happy and didn't suffer. I know you will continue to watch over me as I go through my cancer journey.
💜 I LOVE YOU ALWAYS 💜
-your granddaughter STACY



Stacy Wilbourn - September 11, 2025 at 01:45 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Phillips.



September 10, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ Kelly Conner lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Phillips



Kelly Conner - September 10, 2025 at 12:34 PM

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“ *In loving memory of Mom, who we shared a lot of warmth, love and laughter and sometimes tears. She will be deeply missed and will cherish her forever. Keep on smiling down at us. Love Kelly, Jim, Abbie, Buddy, Tasha.*

Kelly Conner - September 10, 2025 at 12:32 PM