



Martha J. Donaldson

April 29, 1935 - February 20, 2018

Martha Jean Donaldson (nee Barnette), age 82, of Grafton, passed away on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the Cleveland Clinic in Avon.

She was born in Weston, West Virginia and has been a resident of Grafton, Elyria and Columbia Station areas for 53 years.

She attended Elyria Baptist Church on Washington Ave.

Martha was a very giving person who enjoyed gospel music and reading her Bible before bed. She loved to cook and spend time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Beverly (Bob) Smalley of Grafton, Brenda (Jesse) Meador of LaGrange, Brian (Carolyn) Donaldson of LaGrange; grandchildren, Dawn (Todd) Daniels, Brittney and Brianna Donaldson; great-grandchildren, Devon Smalley, Jacob Weir, Liam and Hadlee Cyrus; one-great-grandchild on the way; brothers, James (Debbie) Barnette of North Carolina, David Barnette of Elyria; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willis "Bill" E. Donaldson; parents, Ernest and Mary (nee Carpenter) Barnette; brothers, Paul, Ray Jr. and Bobby Barnette.

Friends may call Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 12PM until the time of Memorial Service at 1PM at Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville. Rev. Andrew Goins will officiate.

Interment will be in Butternut Ridge Cemetery, Eaton Twp.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Bogner Family Funeral Home

36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, OH, US, 44039

MAR **Funeral Service** 01:00PM

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MAR **Burial**

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Butternut Ridge Cemetery

Eaton Township, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Bogner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - March 10, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ I love you grandma! You are truly missed



Jacob weir - March 04, 2018 at 04:47 PM



“ Clarence and Janis Gray purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Martha J. Donaldson.



Clarence and Janis Gray - March 02, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Martha J. Donaldson.



March 01, 2018 at 08:41 PM



“ Marcia Blair & Tommy Loparo lit a candle in memory of Martha J. Donaldson



Marcia Blair & Tommy Loparo - February 28, 2018 at 06:52 PM



“ The Sheriff's Civil Office purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Martha J. Donaldson.



The Sheriff's Civil Office - February 28, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ Jean was a wonderful Christian lady who I loved very much. I love you Beverly, Brenda and Brian and I am broken hearted for your loss.

You are in my thoughts and prayers!

Love Aunt Shirley

Shirley Clifford - February 27, 2018 at 02:43 PM



“ Melanie Rider lit a candle in memory of Martha J. Donaldson



Melanie rider - February 26, 2018 at 08:16 PM



“ I'm so sorry about your family's loss! I haven't seen her in a while but I remember swimming at her house with all the kids in the summer time . Going to church every sunday, and doing youth plays with her. So many great memories. Melanie Rider (Snyder)

Melanie rider - February 26, 2018 at 08:16 PM



“ Our dearest, sweetest Aunt Jean. I don't even know where to start. Our hearts are broken as we again lose a pillar of strength in our family. You have always been there for Deanna, Joe, and myself with the loss of Mom and Dad. You were just like a Mom to us. We all grew up together with Bev, Brenda and Brian. You always gave us a hug if we needed it, a kind word of encouragement or a swat if a few of us needed that too. LoL ! We miss and love you so much. It still does not seem real. I can still hear your soft voice, your sweet little giggle and your smile. Hearing you say "hi honey" everytime I called. Some of your little phrases keep running thru my head like "hope my die" or "deed they did" . That brings a smile to my face even thru the tears. Things are never going to be the same. The 6 of us kids feel like we are orphans no matter what our age is. We just could never picture our lives without our parents and here we are. The most painful sadness our families have experienced. Aunt Jean, we thank you with all our heart for the way you helped in taking care of Mom until the angels took her home. Then it was Dad's turn. And again, you were there every step of the way. We know how hard that was for you but you would say "you kids go to work, I'll stay till you get here" . You were already an angel here on Earth. So you go now, be with your heavenly family and just know that you are so loved and missed here more than words can express. Kiss my Mom and my Dad and please tell them that we love and miss them and wrap your arms around them and tell them it's from their loving kids. Our hearts ache for them everyday. Bev, Brenda and Brian, we need to stay close and always be there for each other. Believe me, we know your pain. I love you guys very much.

Pam - February 26, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ My condolences. Although I haven't seen Aunt Jean in a long time, I remember hanging out there with the cousins, swimming, on weekends we were with Dad. My thoughts are with the family.
Debbie (Barnette) Kelley

Debbie Kelley - February 26, 2018 at 01:49 PM



“ I Miss you sooooo bad Grandma.. You always believed in ME When I was going thru bad times. and you was there for anyone that needed it.. You Loved the Lord and kept the family together! I don't know how to handle you being gone!! I MISS YOU SO MUCH

Dawn Daniels(grand daughter) - February 26, 2018 at 01:28 PM



“ In 1971, Jim wanted to introduce Steph and myself, to his family. He said, "If Jean accepts you, you're in. She's the toughest of the bunch". She sometimes had a tough exterior, but underneath was a "softie". She was a kind, compassionate, giving, beautiful, person. She'd do anything for a friend, but even more, if you were family. Before you could ask, she'd be there to bring you food, drive you where you needed to go, or just sit by your side, day after day. She was a widow for over 12 years, and she held the family together, being both mom and dad. Jean's house, was where we all congregated. She always had food, sweets and a cup of coffee, if you wanted it. Where will we go now? Things are going to be different, but we have to remember, her suffering is over. She tried her best to overcome her latest illness, but I think she knew, this time was going to be different. She worried how her kids and their families would be, when she was gone. They were her life and she was theirs.
I love you, sis and will miss you terribly.
Love, Debbie
(Sister-in-law)

Debbie Barnette - February 26, 2018 at 03:56 AM



“ I'm still having a difficult time accepting that my one and only sister is gone. Sis was a gracious, thoughtful, caring and loving individual. I'll surely miss our afternoon telephone conversations. There will be no more suffering but only joy for her going forward. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that she is having a terrific time with all the loved ones that have gone before her. I'll miss you sweet sister.

Jim Barnette

Jim Barnette - February 26, 2018 at 03:49 AM



“ I Known Jean since Bev & I were in 7th grade ~ I would go home with Bev for the weekend & SHE IS A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN AND HAD A Awesoe Husband & Tonite JESUS & JEAN & BILL ARE CELEBRATING ~ JEAN IS HOME !! I WILL MISS YOU BUT WILL SEE YOU ALL SOON !! LY!!!

Bridget Howell Tallman - February 25, 2018 at 11:52 PM



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Brenda Donaldson Meador - February 25, 2018 at 11:39 PM



“ I remember being so nervous to go on stage at church for the christmas play and jean told me in the most soft voice...you dont have to be nervous because you are an angel. I was an angel in the play but she believed all children were true angels. I am so lucky to have had her in my life as a child. You are the angel now even though you always felt like one to me. Tammi Shreve

Tammi Shreve - February 25, 2018 at 11:07 PM



“ We miss you so much Mawmaw!!!! Liam talks about you everyday. And every time we go outside, he yells hi Mawmaw and I love you, while looking in the sky. You're so loved. We miss you horribly! I LOVE YOU SO MUCH



Brianna Donaldson - February 25, 2018 at 09:04 PM



“ Treasa Hildebrandt lit a candle in memory of Martha J. Donaldson



Treasa hildebrandt - February 25, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ Mom, I feel so lost without you..You are so beautiful and I miss you so much. We didn't expect to lose you this soon. There was so many things you were looking forward to doing and seeing in the near future. My heart is broken in two without you. We were together every single day, you were my shopping partner, breakfast, lunch or dinner date, my best friend and my advisor. We talked on the phone multiple times a day and now I can't call you or hear your voice. Although I'm sad and broken, I know that YOU are having the time of your (new) life with dad, grandma and grandpa, Denny, Uncle Joe, Uncle Ray and your baby brother Bobby among many others you loved. Before you left, you could hardly walk..and now you're running with dad on the streets of gold. You had grown tired and so weak from fighting so hard...and now, no more doctors appointments, no more INR's, no more handfuls of medicines..because you are now "perfect". Kiss dad for me and tell him that I love him.. Rest now mom and enjoy your many rewards in Heaven. You were always an angel to me but now its official, you've earned your wings. God I love and miss you so much. The pain in my heart cannot be fixed by any doctor this time. I can't wait for the day that I can throw my arms around you and dad and we can sing together like we always did. Patiently waiting for our reunion and repairing our broken circle.
Your daughter, Brenda xoxo always

Brenda Meador - February 25, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ So beautifully written

Lula - February 25, 2018 at 10:29 PM



“ Love you all.

Lula - February 25, 2018 at 10:30 PM



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Brenda Donaldson Meador - February 25, 2018 at 07:52 PM



“ Robin Chapman lit a candle in memory of Martha J. Donaldson



Robin Chapman - February 25, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ I sure will miss my Aunt Jean. What a great great lady. A wonderful Aunt and she also became a surrogate Mother to me, Pam and to Joe after mom passed away. I overheard her tell one of the nurses at the hospital that she had 6 kids now...really made me feel comforted and loved. She was always fun to talk with and to joke around with...reminded me of my Dad a lot! She is up in heaven now with Uncle Bill, Grandpa and Grandma, Mom and Dad...they probably asked her what took her so long. There certainly will be yet another piece of my heart missing and she will be missed beyond what words can say. She was the rock of our family ever since I can remember. A strong, strong lady...with broad shoulders for such a little thing. Even at the last few weeks...she still had some fight in her...but she was tired, and had suffered a great deal. Heavens choir has a new angel singing today....we will love her forever and never ever forget her. I love you Aunt Jean...please give my Mom and Dad a kiss from me. We will see you again.

deanna sadowski - February 25, 2018 at 01:19 PM



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Debbie Barnette - February 25, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ Thank you Deb for adding pictures, love you

Brenda - February 26, 2018 at 12:32 AM



“ TO THE DONALDSON FAMILY MAY GOD BE YOUR COMFORTER AT THIS TIME OF GRIEF ITS SUCH A WONDERFUL FEELING TO KNOW YOUR DAD AND MOM ARE WITH JESUS THEY LIVED THE FAITH AND BROUGHT MANY LOST SOULS TO HIM ANY ONE THAT READS THIS AMD DOES NOT KNOW JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR GET TO KNOW HIM AND RECEIVE THE GREATEST GIFT YOU WILL EVER RECEIVE AND THAT IS SALVATION!!!!!!!!!! amen

van /susie jarvis - February 25, 2018 at 11:52 AM



“ Mrs. David Meador lit a candle in memory of Martha J. Donaldson



Mrs. David Meador - February 25, 2018 at 01:03 AM



“ Thank you

Brenda - February 26, 2018 at 12:32 AM



“ Tom and Sharon Richards purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Martha J. Donaldson.



Tom and Sharon Richards - February 24, 2018 at 08:07 PM



“ Doreen Vayda lit a candle in memory of Martha J. Donaldson



Doreen Vayda - February 24, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ Dave Barnette purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Martha J. Donaldson.



Dave Barnette - February 24, 2018 at 09:32 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May Aunt Jean Rest In Peace.

Rick & Mary Barnette

Rick Barnette - February 24, 2018 at 08:35 AM