



## Donna Ruth Mills

December 13, 2020

Donna Ruth (McClements) Mills, 67, passed away on December 13, 2020 at home in Monroeville, NJ. She was born to Lawrence and Ruth McClements in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Donna is survived by her loving husband, Herby Mills; her sister, Ronna McHammond (McClements) of Nyack, NY; her brothers, Larry McClements of South Bend, IN and Tim McClements of Phoenix, AZ; her daughters, Bethany Mills of Alexandria, VA and Jillian Mills of Elmer, NJ; her stepsons, Bill and Mike Mills of Murray, KY; her five grandchildren, Jade Mills, Jace Mills, AnnaBelle Mills, Carrie Mills, Malia Morgan and one on the way; her four great grandchildren, Jessa-lei Mills, Sophia Mills, Silas Mills and Jaelei Kennedy and a whole slew of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Donna was a beloved elementary school guidance counselor and teacher whose accomplishments include an award-winning bullying and teasing program. She was a lifelong lover of all things purple, an avid traveler, an enthusiastic greeting card sender, a prolific poem writer, and an insatiable swimmer and sunbather with a smile that lit up the room.

Her other claims to fame include visiting all 50 US states and 20+ countries throughout the world, skydiving in the Las Vegas desert with her 20-something year old daughter, being able to sing the French Canadian national anthem

into her late 60s, writing multi page poems for any occasion in perfect alternate rhyme (including once for someone's Phillie Phanatic job application), knowing the words for 90% of pre-1995 Christmas songs, bear hugging Pink at an \*NSYNC concert, jumping into Delta Lake with a full leg cast, rocking out purple hair the last decade of her life and almost seeing the Beatles in Germany in the summer of '69.

Donna always did the absolute most possible to help others and never hurt them and so a memorial service will be held at a future date when all who attend won't be in harm's way. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ Donna was one of my dearest friends. She was the first person I met when I walked into Birches School back in 1986 and was the welcome wagon for every parent, staff member and student during her years as our guidance counselor. Her caring ways, smiles and great sense of humor will forever be in my heart. Her love for her family is immeasurable. I think of you always and miss you my friend.

*Lauri Bronson*

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**LAURI A BRONSON** - January 11, 2021 at 08:40 AM

JP

“ Donna was one of the caring people that I know. She was absolutely excellent at her job and helped me and my children during a difficult time in my life. She will be sorely missed and not forgotten.

*Joy Piddington*

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**Joy Piddington** - January 04, 2021 at 04:56 PM

LW

“ I just heard of Donna's death. I worked with her in Marion, KY. Donna was always fun. I'm sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with Donna's family.

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**Lynann Woodall** - January 01, 2021 at 08:40 PM

KT

“ My condolences to the Mills family,  
Donna was such a sweet person that truly loved & appreciated every one. Even in her later stages of Alzheimers she spoke eloquently about how she was accepted and loved by all the woman church circle . How could you not love Donna. She touched every ones heart. I will love and miss Donna for the rest of my life.  
Grace, mercy and comfort,  
Kim Tortella

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**kim tortella** - January 01, 2021 at 11:38 AM

PA

“ With sympathy at the loss of your beloved wife and mother.  
Thinking especially of you Jill. You have such a caring spirit that radiated when you were in 5th grade and then again when I saw you a couple of years ago. These are gifts from your mother and you are sharing them with with your family and others. May God comfort you and continue to bless your life.  
Patty Atkinson

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**Patricia Atkinson** - January 01, 2021 at 11:07 AM

LL

“ I will always remember all of our fun times in school , concerts with our girls, and many trips to Wildwood Crest . There are so many fun times with friends that always included laughter and many memories that will last a life time . So many to recall . Donna you were my dear friend and I'll always think of you with that great big smile and your generous heart . I love you Donna .. God Bless you and may these comforting words bring peace to her beautiful family . My deepest sympathy to her family .  
Lois

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**lois lyons** - December 31, 2020 at 10:10 PM

SS

“ *Loved her smile. She was good friend and comrade.*

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**sandra schwartz** - December 31, 2020 at 09:49 PM