



## Donna Faye Hebert

January 24, 1943 - March 28, 2016

Donna Faye Blanchard Hebert

Donna Faye Blanchard Hebert passed away in Huntsville, Texas on 28 March 2016. Donna was married to Gayle P. Hebert and would have celebrated 53 years of marriage on April 20, 2016. She is survived by her husband Gayle P. Hebert of Huntsville, Texas, Daughter Michelle Hebert, MD of Huntsville, Texas, Son and daughter-in-Law Darren and Lori Hebert of Brenham, Texas and step-grandson Kevin Dupuy of Washington, DC. She is also survived by her Mother Marie Blanchard of Huntsville, Texas, Brother Randy Blanchard of Port Arthur, Texas, her niece Joyce Bonner and Husband Chad Bonner of Leander, Texas and nephew Matthew Blanchard and wife Jessica Blanchard and their daughters Maddie, Lillie and Izzie of Cedar Park, Texas.

Donna is preceded in death by her father Anthony Blanchard of Port Arthur, Texas and Brother Terry Blanchard of Nederland, Texas.

Donna graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School-Port Arthur, Texas in 1961 (with classmates Jimmie Johnson of Dallas Cowboy fame, and Janis Joplin). While in high school, she played a snare drum in the Red Hussars, an all-female drum-and-bugle corps, and sang in the A Capella Choir. She attended and graduated from Port Arthur Business College (now Lamar-Port Arthur). After graduation, she worked for Gulf Oil Corporation, resigned to

raise her children, and later returned to the work force to help her children through college and medical school. Thanks in large part to her efforts, they finished school debt-free. She was secretary at First Christian Church and St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, and retired from Texaco Research in Port Arthur, Texas.

Donna was a life-long active member of the Catholic Church. She was a wonderful homemaker who loved to cook and take care of her family. She was very creative and enjoyed crafts of all kinds including gardening, needlepoint, macramé and toll painting (among many others), always with generally excellent results. She particularly enjoyed sewing, needlepoint and crocheting. She sewed all of her daughter's clothes and crocheted many afghans and embroidered many canvases which have been enjoyed by family and friends. She actively participated in her children's school activities, attending every dance recital, baseball game, and performance. She loved to play games of all types, especially bridge. She was a voracious reader of books and solver of crossword puzzles, and passed those loves onto her children.

Donna was a loving, devoted wife, mother, daughter and sister with many close friends who will greatly miss her generous, caring spirit.

The family wishes to thank the many friends, and often-times strangers, who helped in her long 12 year struggle with dementia. Special thanks go to Reverend Fred Valone, Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church; Mildred Rodriguez, her devoted caregiver for many years; Pat Oliphant and her caregivers, especially Tyera Tubbs; the nurses and staff of St. Joseph Hospice, especially Judy Datskos, RN; Dr. Karl Mahaffey; the staff at The Lexington Center Assisted Living and special friends Beth Evans, Darlene Tubbs and Mary Ann Rohrbach.

A special thank you to Caitlin Ward, James Johnson and Lynn and Dennis

Longmire for visiting Donna at home and in the hospital to play guitar and sing her favorite songs. This brought her considerable enjoyment.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville, Texas. A rosary followed by visitation will be conducted on Thursday March 31 beginning at 6 pm. A funeral service will be conducted on Friday April 1 at 10 am followed by interment at the Mayes Addition to the Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, The Huntsville YMCA or the charity of their choice.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery

800 Martin Luther King BLVD.  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAR 31. 6:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfmh.com

## Service

APR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Faye Hebert*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Gayle*

*I just found out about Donna's passing from Joe Columbo. I am so sorry to hear about this. Donna was an extremely nice and caring co-worker. I never heard her say a bad word against anyone. She truly was a gem. Prayers for you and your family.*

*Phyllis Stone*

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**Phyllis Stone** - April 12, 2016 at 10:23 AM



“ *Gayle, so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. Our prayers go out to you and the family. Ray and Linda Jones*

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**Ray Jones** - April 02, 2016 at 04:19 PM



“ *Gayle,*  
*Truett and I send you and your family our love and prayers during this sad time. Donna was such a sweet and kind person, one we will not forget. Just know we are thinking of you.*  
*Truett and Glenda Williford*

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**Truett & Glenda Williford** - April 01, 2016 at 07:41 PM

CB

“ Gayle,  
*Our prayers and thoughts are with you and the family.  
Donna was always such a pleasant person with such a  
beautiful smile. It has been a pleasure to have known her.*

*Clarence and Dorothy Bridges*

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**Clarence and Dorothy Bridges** - April 01, 2016 at 04:18 PM

MS

“ Gayle, *I was so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. She was a  
wonderful friend and person. May you find comfort in the many  
wonderful memories you had together.*

*Melba Desormeaux Smith*

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**Melba Smith** - March 31, 2016 at 05:40 PM

JC

“ Gayle,  
*Your precious wife Donna was a joy to all of us who knew her at  
Texaco Research. She always had a smile and something good to  
say--never gossip. I know that you will miss her dearly, but you were  
blessed so very much having her as your life mate.*

*Joe Mansfield*

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**joe mansfield, coworker** - March 31, 2016 at 05:39 PM

RL

“ Mom Blanchard,  
Randy, Gayle, Darrin, Michelle,  
I am so sorry for your loss.. Donna will indeed  
be missed by all those lives she touched. She  
always had such a beautiful smile and a warm  
heart for all those she met with. Ive known Donna for all my life and  
she filled every moment with joy and laughter. I know in my heart  
that she is with Jesus right now and is sharing her beautiful smile  
with Him and her Daddy,brother Terry and her Aunt Bin . She gave  
of herself to everyone she met and we will keep her alive in our  
hearts until that time when we will once again be together. Her body  
is no longer with us but all that she was in life will be in our hearts  
forever.  
Our Heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with you now to help lessen  
your burden of grief.  
Love Always  
Ron & Rosa Landry



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RON & ROSA LANDRY - March 31, 2016 at 04:33 PM

IH

“ We're so sorry for your loss. Her and my mom (Ina coburn  
humphrey ) grew up together. Our prayers are with you and your  
family.

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ina humphrey - March 31, 2016 at 01:59 PM

TC

“ To Donna a wonderful co-worker, friend and beautiful person to have been able to share employment with.

*As you remember her as a wife, mother, daughter, grandmother and etc. with deepest sympathy. Those who gave our lives beauty live forever in our hearts.”*

*Donna will always be with you-in the lessons she gave, the life she shared and the love she showed. May all your beautiful memories of her comfort you and bring you peace.*

*Regard's*

*Terry & Cynthia Charles*

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**Terry & Cynthia Charles** - March 31, 2016 at 01:27 PM

SG

“ Sincere condolences to all of you family and friends. May the departed Red Hussars greet Donna with "Here We Come" and march her through the pearly gates with "when the Saints Go Marching In." May the perpetual light shine upon her. Peace to all of you.

*Sharon Jones Guidry. Drum Sgt 1960-61.*

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**Sharon Jones Guidry** - March 31, 2016 at 12:30 PM

RC

*Gayle, sorry for the loss of your dear wife. I hope you can eventually get through this by remembering how lucky you were to have her in your life. Our prayers are With you. Ron and Phyllis Cutrera, New Iberia.*

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**Ron Cutrera** - March 31, 2016 at 03:51 PM

BC

*Gayle, Cindy and I are so sorry to learn about Donna. Even though you have been gone from St. Elizabeth for awhile, you have not been forgotten. We will long remember Donna's sweet smile and gentle manner. May our Lord give you the peace only He can give. Donna is at peace!*

*Bob and Cindy Campbell*

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**Bob Campbell** - March 31, 2016 at 10:05 PM

SB

“ Sarah & Lynn Creel and Joyce & Chad Bonner purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Donna Faye Hebert.



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**Sarah & Lynn Creel and Joyce & Chad Bonner** - March 31, 2016 at 11:19 AM

TB

“ Michelle, I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom. Sending prayers to you and your family.

*Theresa (Girolamo)Beavens*

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**Theresa Beavens** - March 31, 2016 at 12:13 AM

GN

“ Donna and I grew up together in Beaumont, Texas. She was only 16 days older than I. We had so much fun with the neighborhood kids. It is hard to believe that she is no longer with us. I do believe that she is in a better place and is looking down on us from above. Gale, things will be so different for you but you need to stay strong and remember that she is at peace now. Love and Prayers to you and all of your family....

*Glenda (Landry) Nobles*

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**Glenda A. Nobles** - March 30, 2016 at 08:18 PM

AD

*So sorry for the loss of your loved one. I know she's in a better place for all the years she's had to live through this devastating disease. I remember her so well in my younger years. She was her Mom's pride & joy. Her Aunt Ben used to sew for her and make the cutest dresses on top of spoiling her rotten. She is in a beautiful place now, without the pain & misery she's had to experience along with her family watching her fade away. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Love, Arlene & Emery Degeyter*

**Arlene Degeyter** - March 30, 2016 at 09:00 PM

WT

“ *R.I.P. Thomas Jefferson High School Graduate. From the TJ Class of 1962.*

**Wayne Taylor** - March 30, 2016 at 06:51 PM

JA

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers for the family.*

*Johnny Arnold  
Port Arthur, Tx*

**Johnny Arnold** - March 30, 2016 at 03:51 PM

LA

“ *Love, Sheila and Greg Ard purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donna Faye Hebert.*



**Love, Sheila and Greg Ard** - March 30, 2016 at 11:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Faye Hebert.*



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March 29, 2016 at 05:55 PM