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Donna Overton Qurollo

Aug. 30, 1942 - March 14, 2023

Donna Overton Qurollo, 80, of Valdese, NC, went to heaven to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on March 14, 2023.

She was born to the late Harley and Olive Overton in Aurora, Illinois on August 30, 1942.

After graduating from East High School in Aurora, she attended Wheaton College. She received Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at age 16 and lived the rest of her life for Him.

She married James Qurollo on July 19, 1963, and gave birth to four sons whom she dearly loved.

Her greatest joy in life was serving her Lord and Savior alongside her husband as a pastor's wife. She was also blessed to serve in various secretarial and teaching capacities in the churches and schools where they served in Illinois, North Carolina, Utah, and Florida. Above all else, she loved to share the Gospel and works that Jesus had done in her life.

Donna is survived by her husband of 59 years, James Qurollo; four sons, Jim, Jr. (Linda) of Shelby, NC, Dave (Katie) of Stuart, FL, Mark of Rose Hill, NC, and Dan

(Amy) of Valdese, NC; fifteen grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Dale Overton of Bostic, NC; and sister-in-law, Ruth Sweeny of Drexel, NC.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, March 17, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The family will also receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Morganton Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. in the church with Dr. James Qurollo and Pastor Dan Qurollo officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Carolina Caring, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658, whose excellent hospice care was greatly appreciated by the family.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



I always loved Mrs. Q! She was a sweet and godly lady. She had a backbone of steel and nerves to match. Her love for the LORD Jesus was unmatched and unparalleled. Mrs. Q will be deeply missed, but Heaven will be much sweeter when we get to see Jesus and worship HIM together.

—Michael Fields

We just heard of Mrs. Qurollo's homegoing this evening. We highly respected her as our Pastor's wife at Grace BC and as our friend. Her smile, kindness and Christlikeness will never be forgotten. May God continue to comfort Dr. Q and the family. We love you all!

—Pastor Kenny and Terri Hamm

Mrs. Q was always kind to me as a student in Bible College were she served as secretary. I enjoyed laughing and telling funny stories to her every time I needed something done (which seemed to be more often than not). I remember her godly character and kind disposition that was both attractive and winsome for others to follow. Though I haven't seen her for years living up here in Pa, I know she left a goodly heritage. May the Lord comfort you Dr. Q and the family. Love in Christ, Pastor Joel Long

—Pastor Joel Long

We have been privileged and very blessed to have met and known Ma Q. and we are truly thankful to God for that. We wished we had spent more time close to her and Dr.Q. God has blessed us through them tremendously and we heartfully cherish our memories with them ! Our hearts are deeply saddened and burdened for Ma Q's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Dr.Q. What a beautiful, touching and encouraging service! Andrew and Daniela

—The Perkinses

Jim, As we rejoice in Donna's home going to heaven, we extend our condolences to you and your family. It was a beautiful God honoring service. As I watched the service it brought back so many wonderful memories. Will keep praying for you and your family. Jerry and Laurie

—Jerry Chase

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Mrs. Q taught me a lot. Praying for the family.

—Jane smith

Mrs. Q was the picture of a godly, virtuous lady! Our lives were forever touched by her ministry at Grace Baptist in Shelby. May God bless your family in her home going, yet we are so thankful for our Lord Jesus, knowing we will all meet again! Your are in our prayers

—Matthew Harbour

I remember when a couple rang our doorbell one day in Fort Walton Beach, FL, and we were greeted by my cousin Jim Qurollo and his wife Donna Qurollo. We had not known they were in town. He had taken the pastorship of a local Baptist church. They were a gracious couple and we were at their house many times. Donna was a gracious lady and we enjoyed our time together. I am reminded of a lady who lost her brother to a sickness. Our Lord Jesus reassured her that her brother would live again. He declared, "I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that

believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live." Our sister believed. David Buckley

–David Buckley

The Qurollos played an integral part of my development at Ambassador Baptist College. I remember her as a sweet, sacrificing lady who was a blessing to all that knew her. My condolences to her family.

–Scott McCain

Mrs Q smiled through her pain, encouraged others and trusted our Lord completely. She shared how she would give herself over to much time with God in his Word and prayer at every difficulty or crossroad in life. That helps me going forward. Doc and Donna have blessed our lives.

–Janine Atkins

How I love this precious lady! What a joy and privilege it was to be able to call this wonderful lady my Grandma. I'm so thankful for the time God allowed us to have with her. She was an absolute treasure, inside and out. My heart aches but is at peace knowing that she is Home, and I know she will be greatly missed. For the memories, the love, incredible example and the constant laughter (mostly over her antics), I am thankful. Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

–Annah Qurollo



Donna, you are no longer at Heaven's door. It has been opened and Jesus has received you with great Love. You will be missed. Most lovingly, your cousin, Gale

–Gale Lamps



May God's grace and blessings be upon the Qurollo family



over the passing of Mrs. Q. It was an honor for me to know her and thankful for her gentle nature and the blessing she was to me and to so many others.

–Mel and Ellen Kahue

One of the sweetest ladies I have ever known.. I know she is in the arms of Jesus..

–Angi Kelly

It was my blessing and joy to know and love Mrs. Q during my time in Shelby, NC. I will always remember her gentle spirit and genuine kindness—a true example of the Proverbs 31 woman. She and Dr. Q have been such encouragers in my journey and I deeply appreciate their faithfulness in serving our Lord and loving those around them. How beautiful to know that her Lord has certainly said unto her, “Well done, Daughter!” Wrapping her dear family in much prayer and love.

–Connie Stone

My deepest condolences on the loss of an amazing person. Donna was a teacher in the Baptist High School I attended in the 80's in Lena, IL. Pastor and Donna were instrumental in giving me a strong foundation for living my best life. They helped me navigate the devastating impact of the untimely death of my mother. I was 16 at the time and they both opened their home, family and lives to comfort and mentor me. When I was 17, they kidnapped me while the family visited various potential college for their sons. Tt was a 2 week trip touring SC and FL and was filled with laugher and fun. They wrapped me with the warmth of family that I desperately needed. I recall a time when she took a group of us roller skating and she fell and broke her arm. I have a picture of her in my photo album, broken arm in a cast. When I see that photo it transports me to that time and as I write this tribute, the album lays open to that page. In my mind.. for this moment I am back in 1983 and she is laughing as she stands in the Qurollo kitchen after

feeding the family and me a meal. She cooked it all with that broken arm in a sling. She witnessed my graduation from high school and served cake at the church to celebrate. She was part of the church team to raise funds to get me through the first semester of college when my dad stopped paying the bill. She was always kind..... always loving …. always amazing. I am now 55 and I visit

these memories often and they give me comfort..... Although her touch on my life was for a a short number of years, a fraction of my 55 years on this earth, she impacted my life in greater ways than I suspect she knew. (Both the Pastor and Donna did!) My condolences to the family and friends as you all endure the feelings of loss during this time. I am hopeful that knowing she impacted the life of a 1980s kid in a town of 1,200 people in Lena, IL is a comfort. It is just one example of how her light has reached people and is clear evidence that her legacy lives on. Rest in peace Donna Qurollo, Wayne Schermerhorn - Rockford, IL

—Wayne Schermerhorn

Mrs. Q had a wonderful testimony and was a great example/role model of a pastor's wife. I will forever be grateful for the impact she had on me. She truly was a woman who loved her Lord and walked faithfully with Him.

—Julie Linares

To Dr, Q, Dan, Jim, Mark, Dave, Dale and Ruth and wives and other family, I know it’s sad to lose a loved one, but you can rejoice because you know Donna is truly in a better place and rejoicing with her Savior. I, for one, will miss her smile and her praying for my lost family. She had a list of all my children and grandchildren and prayed for them. Who now will take up the gauntlet? But that’s who Donna was- faithful daughter of God.

—Debra Winstead

I am so blessed to have known Donna in her years of service and ministry at Lena Baptist Church for many years. She was a sweet friend , great teacher in school. My sympathies to all her family. She was surely a blessing to all the churches

where they ministered . She was a very special lady. You will be missed Barb Haring

—Barbara Haring

Oh how I love my precious grandma! I am so blessed to have known her. As a small child, I thought she was the most wonderful person in the world. As I grew up, I realized just how much of a treasure she was. She was smart, classy, funny (sometimes not intentionally!), loving, and godly. I rise up and call her blessed! (Lolly)

—Laura Chapin

I was always proud to call this dear lady my grandma, even in the midst of something potentially embarrassing. She provided me with many laughs, copious amounts of brown sugar in my oatmeal, endless adventures; and most importantly, consistent, God-honoring influence as she lived her life. My heart is full of gratitude for the Lord blessing me (and many others) with her life.

—Jesse R.J. Qurollo