



Donnie Lazar

March 1, 1930 - October 24, 2016

Donnie Whitmire Cothran Lazar, 86, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on October 24, 2016.

A native of Spartanburg County, daughter of the late Kyle A. and Essie Gravley Whitmire, she was a retired employee of Advantica and a charter member of Covenant Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband of 43 years, William P. Lazar of the home; two sons, Mike Cothran (Joanne) and Ricky Cothran (Rhonda) all of Spartanburg; a step-daughter, Altonia "Dimples" Howell of Greer; a sister-in-law, Betty Whitmire of Spartanburg; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lazar was predeceased by her first husband, Carl W. Cothran and three brothers, Gane A. Whitmire, L.C. Whitmire and Glenn H. Whitmire.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 27, 2016 at Covenant Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Gary Hensley. Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park.

Honorary escort will be the Joy Sunday School Class.

Visitation will be held 6:00-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at The Wood Mortuary and 12:45-1:45 p.m. Thursday, October 27, 2016 at Covenant Baptist Church.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Covenant Baptist Church Building Fund, 200 Evangel Road, Spartanburg, SC 29301.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Visitation

OCT **27**. 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Covenant Baptist Church
200 Evangel Road
Spartanburg, SC 29301

Service

OCT **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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200 Evangel Road
Spartanburg, SC 29301

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Bill, so sorry to read of the passing of Donnie. She was a special lady and the two of you made a special couple. I will not be able to attend the service as we are at the beach visiting our children. We will be praying for you and the family. Cherish the time that you had with this wonderful lady. Bob and Barbara Mabry

Bob Mabry - October 27, 2016 at 10:06 AM

SK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. The Godfrey's will always cherish the memories we have of her and your family. Prayers for you all.

Wayne and Susan Keith

Susan Keith - October 27, 2016 at 09:00 AM

GL

“ Donnie was a beautiful lady with a great smile and loved her family. I worked with Donnie for many years and loved her. Memories are the legacy of love. Bill, you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Glenda Lancaster

Glenda Lancaster - October 27, 2016 at 06:32 AM

DW

“ *Even as the sun goes down,
To end the light of day,
It's rising on a new horizon,
Somewhere far away.*



Some of my very earliest memories of Donnie were riding in her bicycle basket as a toddler. Donnie was only 13 years older than me so she seemed more like a big sister than an Aunt. As a teenager I lived with her for a few months while working and going to school. She was always easy to talk to and gave me excellent advice regarding girlfriends and other matters - though I didn't always live up to expectations.

Bill, you were Donnie's white knight on a steed and a great role model for the rest of us. My deepest sympathies to you, Mike, Ricky and all of Donnie's loved ones.

Dan Whitmire

Daniel Whitmire - October 26, 2016 at 09:28 PM

RB

“ *Ricky,
So sorry to hear about the passing of your mom, she was always so kind to me and all of your other rowdy friends when we were teenagers. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.*
Robert Browning

Robert Browning - October 26, 2016 at 06:52 PM

DW

“ *Even as the sun goes down,
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Some of my very earliest memories were riding with Aunt Donnie in her bicycle basket. She was only 13 years older than me so she seemed more like a big sister than an Aunt. As a teenager I lived with her for several months while working and going to school. She gave me excellent advice regarding girlfriends though I didn't always live up to expectations. I remember staying up all night putting together Mike and Rickey's Christmas (Santa) gifts. I will miss her dearly.

Bill, as everyone knows, you were Donnie's white knight on a steed - the best husband imaginable and a role model for the rest of us. My deepest sympathy to Bill, Mike, Ricky, and all of Donnie's loved ones.

Dan Whitmire

Daniel Whitmire - October 26, 2016 at 06:43 PM

DS

“ *Bill I'm saddened to read of donnie's passing just saw it in the paper. Will remember you in prayers and thoughts in the days ahead. Dan Smith*



Dan Smith - October 26, 2016 at 01:17 PM

DM

“ *Donnie and her husband are members of my church. They both are wonderful and caring people, have did so much for our church for many years. I will keep all her family in my prayers!* ”

Debra McAbee - October 26, 2016 at 12:57 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Donnie Lazar.* ”



October 26, 2016 at 11:13 AM



“ *Dawn of Remembrance Basket was purchased for the family of Donnie Lazar.* ”



October 26, 2016 at 11:02 AM

DB

“ *Bill, Mike, Ricky and Family,*

Sorry to hear about the passing of Donnie. She was a beautiful, sweet and kind lady who will be missed greatly. I have fond memories of my childhood with Uncle Carl, Aunt Donnie, Mike and Ricky at MAMA's house on Sunday afternoons. I will always cherish them. My thoughts and prayers are with you Bill, Mike and Ricky and family at this time.

*Love,
Debbie(Cothran) Becknell*

Debbie Becknell - October 26, 2016 at 08:36 AM

DW

“ *Dan, Dee Dee, & Ganer Whitmire purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Donnie Lazar.*



Dan, Dee Dee, & Ganer Whitmire - October 25, 2016 at 04:11 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donnie Lazar.*



October 25, 2016 at 02:52 PM

GC

“ *Donnie was a wonderful friend. Over the years, we had many fun times at work and continued our friendship after working for Spartan Food Systems and Advantica. Donnie always thought of others before herself and would be the first one to help anyone in need. I'll never forget the times when death happened in my family and the first one to arrive at my house was DONNIE. She will be missed. Like anyone's wife, mother, grandmother or friend DONNIE is irreplaceable. Our memories of Donnie will always be with us.* Gayle Anderson Corbin

Gayle Anderson Corbin - October 25, 2016 at 02:22 PM

TF

“ *The Robert Howell Family lit a candle in memory of Donnie Lazar*



The Robert Howell Family - October 25, 2016 at 11:44 AM

CH

“ *Bill I am so sorry. I worked with Donnie many years. I have ran into you guys a lot seeing you at Anderson Mill. I have great memories from our Opryland trip!!! so many that was on that trip are not with us today! Great memories of pretty lady!!! My thoughts are with you! Carolyn and Steve Harmon*

Carolyn Harmon - October 25, 2016 at 11:13 AM