



## Donna Lee Aronson

December 13, 1956 - January 27, 2018

Donna Lee Aronson, 61, passed away peacefully in the arms of her beloved family on January 27th, 2018, at her home in Carthage, Missouri.

Donna was born on December 13, 1956 in Berea, Ohio to Sandy and Larry Higgins. She has been a resident of Carthage since 1960. She graduated from Carthage High School in 1974, earned her Bachelor's Degree from Missouri State, and completed a Master's program at Pittsburg State University. Donna attended Fairview Christian Church where she was baptized by one of her dearest friends, Alice Johns.

Donna dedicated over 30 years to the Carthage R-9 community as a language arts and French teacher, A+ Coordinator, AFS/FLC Sponsor, homebound teacher, and high school counselor. Mrs. Aronson had a gift for inspiring students to realize their full potential.

Donna was faithfully devoted to her husband, children, and grandchildren; nothing gave her more joy. She had a deep, loving, and enduring bond with her sisters. Her unique ability to make friends created relationships that will last beyond a lifetime. She was passionate about her dogs, Chanel and Bentley, singer Rod Stewart, and football, especially the Oakland Raiders. It was always a good day when the Raiders beat the Chiefs. Known for her quick wit, positive attitude, brilliant mind, and generous heart, she will be

missed by many.

Donna leaves behind her beloved husband, Terry; five children, Andrew Tisdale, Jason Tisdale, Melanie (Chris) Michalewicz, Greta Aronson (Darris Strickland), Sadie (Seth) Spencer; mother, Sandy Higgins (Gary Martin); sisters, Jean (Gary) Hardman, Janet Jones, Debbie (Greg) Boulware; five grandchildren, Jasmine, JaShawn, Sayah, Fiona, and Lydia; sister-in-law, Melody (Frank) Colette; brothers-in-law, Dan (Karen) Aronson, Tom (Joann) Aronson, Jim (Chris) Aronson, Roger Aronson, and Kevin (Kathy) Aronson. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Donna was preceded in death by her father, Larry Higgins; parents-in-law, Gladys and Roy Aronson; and nephew, Russell Boulware.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 11, 2018 at Fairview Christian Church in Carthage, with a gathering of friends and family to follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Carthage High School Bright Futures Fund, Attention: Debbie Hensley, 2600 S. River Street, Carthage, MO 64836.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fairview Christian Church  
Carthage, MO

# Tribute Wall

KE

“ Donna was a wonderful colleague and friend during my time at Carthage R 9. She represented everything that an educator should be. Truly one of the best individuals I have had the pleasure of knowing. You will be missed, K. Espinosa.

Keith Espinosa - February 08, 2018 at 09:12 PM

SH

“ Deepest sympathy on your loss Aronson family. My thoughts are with you all.  
Sid Hiatt

Sid Hiatt - February 06, 2018 at 09:34 PM



“ Keri Cody lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson



Keri Cody - February 04, 2018 at 09:45 PM



Mrs. A was the bomb! We loved her for the amazing woman, mother and teacher she was. She touched the lives of so many of her students, always able to get through to us by talking to us like intelligent capable people and not stupid kids. She never grew up and we loved that she kept her sense of humor and made life fun while still cracking the whip and filling our brains with valuable knowledge! 22 years later we still think about her.

Keri Cody - February 04, 2018 at 09:51 PM

EF

“ Mrs. Higgins...please know how I appreciated you as my Girl Scout leader...we are entering Lent/Easter season...and I have powerful thoughts of you prepping us for Girl Scouts, as well as Lent. At that time, we congregated at the River Street/Battle of Carthage Park. You were lovely!  
And...thank you so very much for coming to my mother's funeral. I appreciate the kind recognition of my mother. ✨: 1:🙏🏻🙏🏻

Elaine Flanigan - February 03, 2018 at 10:27 PM

EF

“ Elaine Flanigan lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson



Elaine Flanigan - February 03, 2018 at 10:19 PM

SH

“ Sandy Higgins lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson



Sandy Higgins - February 02, 2018 at 10:50 PM

SH

*My Beautiful Daughter Donna , always a light in our hearts forever , your beautiful light will never go out , my beautiful , beloved Daughter , Sister , Wife , Mother , Grandmother , Great Grandmother , Teacher , Friend , Loved by many !! God Bless !*

Sandy Higgins - February 02, 2018 at 10:56 PM

MH

“ Deepest sympathy to all Donna's family on the loss of this genuinely kind and gentle soul. I will always remember her many kindnesses to me as a colleague and friend.

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**Mitzi Harris** - February 02, 2018 at 09:58 PM

LC

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Donna played a big part of my teenage years. I have a tremendous amount of memories with my closest friends and Donna beginning with my 2 years in her French class to teaching my children to many years later when our daughters became friends. Her first year of teaching was my Jr year of high school. She was an amazing teacher and due to the fact she was only a few years older than all of us, she was also a friend who listened to our teenage woes. Many times we invaded her mothers house for lunch and ironically my oldest son currently lives in the house she lived in on Main street when she was my teacher and her oldest children were toddlers. She told my children one time that if they thought she was a tough grouchy old teacher to blame their mother and her friends for the first few years of her teaching and learning every ornery trick in the book. I never hear a Rod Stewart song without thinking of her probably never will. Just wanted to share some memories with her family. I am so very sorry for her family to have lost such a wonderful lady.

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**Lisa Crawford** - February 01, 2018 at 05:44 PM

SM

“ Thinking of you Sadie. So sorry for your loss. Sending you my love and hugs.

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**Susan Means** - February 01, 2018 at 03:54 PM

SM

“ Sue Mills-Caringer lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson



Sue Mills-Caringer - February 01, 2018 at 03:52 PM

BG

“ We are so sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mrs. Aronson was always so kind, she was my English teacher over 10 years ago and one of my favorites. May she rest in peace!



Brooke & Justin Garner - February 01, 2018 at 01:30 AM



“ Christine Bayless-Kingsbury lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson



Christine Bayless-Kingsbury - February 01, 2018 at 12:33 AM

KL

“ Ms. Aronson was a joyful French teacher & especially loved to teach us French songs (Alouette was her favorite, I think!). May your family continue to experience comfort, peace and kindness during this time. With love, Kathy George Laytham (HS Class of 1991)

Kathy George Laytham - January 31, 2018 at 07:19 PM

SM

*Prayers for comfort and peace for the entire family. Proverbs 3:5*

Sue Mills-Caringer - February 01, 2018 at 03:53 PM

MF

“ *Mary Foster lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson*



Mary Foster - January 31, 2018 at 05:15 PM



“ *Edward Workman lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson*



Edward Workman - January 31, 2018 at 04:12 PM

JB

*Donna was a true lady, a friend to all, and a beloved teacher for many students. Rest in Peace, Donna, and peace to the family. Joe Boyd*

Joe Boyd - January 31, 2018 at 10:43 PM



“ *I remember her and Mrs. Johns always together on hall duty!!! She always walked the halls with a since of pride and a big smile on her face!!!! Prayers for her family!!!*



Kim A. Cole - January 31, 2018 at 04:34 AM



“ *Vena Townsend lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson*



**Vena Townsend** - January 31, 2018 at 02:46 AM



“ *Sad to hear this news. While I doubt she'd count me among her favorite students, she was a great teacher and I always loved her passion for sharing the language. She will be missed.*

**Chris McDaniel** - January 30, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ *Terri Carter lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson*



**Terri Carter** - January 30, 2018 at 08:44 PM



“ *When I was in high school she was so inspiring and I loved she really cared for us and demanded our best at all times! Prayers for you all she was one amazing lady!*

**Trudy Blankenship** - January 30, 2018 at 07:56 PM

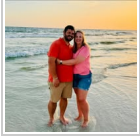
TA

“ *Toni Aldridge lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson*



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**Toni Aldridge** - January 30, 2018 at 07:51 PM



“ Donna, I considered you my second mom. In the summer of 1989, Donna and my mom met while attending Lamaze class together and they were both pregnant with girls. Greta was born on July 2nd, I followed several weeks later on July 31st and that's where our relationship begins. Greta and I started attending the same daycare together as infants when our moms went back to work. We like to say we have been friends since before we were born! (Right Greta, haha!). We attended that daycare for several years together. I have way too many memories of Donna to even write down. She treated me like one of her own children. I spent most of my childhood summer days over at the Aronson house. Donna would spoil us with junk food, getting pizza delivered (always from Pizza Hut), and letting Greta and I stay up all night long. She took us to movies in Joplin riding in her tan station wagon, and we would sit in the back row that was facing backwards. We took trips to Silver Dollar City, she took Greta and I to vacation bible school, and countless other days spent by the pool at their home. Donna would also take us up to her classroom to get ready for the school year. Greta, Sadie and I would run around the gigantic high school as it seemed to us. After I graduated high school, I moved to a different town but Donna was always there supporting me in anything I did. She was at my wedding shower and wedding. Donna and Sadie attended my LPN graduation and told me how proud she was of me. She scolded me a few years later when I forgot to let her know when I was graduating for RN school. Donna told me she would have been there in a heartbeat to see me walk across that stage. Donna and the girls were at my first son's baby shower along with his first birthday party. Donna, thank you for all of the memories I have been a part of with you and your beautiful family. I am forever grateful you met my mom in Lamaze class 28 years ago. I love you and you will forever be in my memory as an amazing woman who was always cheering me on.



Sally Lyles - January 30, 2018 at 07:46 PM

SB

“ Stephanie Bass-Frye lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson



Stephanie Bass-Frye - January 30, 2018 at 07:43 PM

BW

“ I had Mrs. Aronson as a teacher for multiple classes! She was always so caring and determined to help students succeed! I also loved to tease her about her love of Rod Stewart music! She will be greatly missed by all! Love and prayers for the family. I wish I could come to the service.

Bethia Scott Williams - January 30, 2018 at 07:25 PM



Melissa Stryker

“ Mrs. Aronson was a wonderful teacher and even more wonderful person. She was amazing at helping students reach a higher or their best potential. She was a true inspiration. Much love to the family.



Melissa Stryker - January 30, 2018 at 07:23 PM



Jeanette Jones

“ *She was a great teacher. She helped all her students. She will be greatly missed*



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**Jeanette Jones** - January 30, 2018 at 06:43 PM



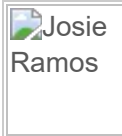
KG

“ *Kendra Goettel-Clements lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson*



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**Kendra Goettel-Clements** - January 30, 2018 at 05:28 PM



Josie Ramos

“ *Prayers for comfort for the family. I had her as a teacher during my senior year 25 years ago and am saddened by this. \*va en paix mon ami\**



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**Josie Ramos** - January 30, 2018 at 05:09 PM

WB

“ *My sincere condolences, my time in Carthage was just 4 years, but she was a teacher I well remembered. She was always full of joy and wanted to make learning fun with French and as an AFSer.*

*Elle a enseigné et conduit avec joie! Que sa famille vienne trouver la paix dans les jours à venir.*

*“She taught and lead with joy! May her family come to find peace in the days to come. “*

*Wendy Bowers Brant*

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**Wendy Brant** - January 30, 2018 at 04:56 PM

KS

“ *Kendra Sexton lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson*



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**Kendra Sexton** - January 30, 2018 at 04:47 PM

MO

“ *Mother lit a candle in memory of Donna Lee Aronson*



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**Mother** - January 30, 2018 at 04:46 PM

MO

“ *My Beautiful Daughter Donna , your light will always shine in my heart ! Peace sweet Daughter , Peace*



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**Mother** - January 30, 2018 at 04:43 PM

MR

“ *I was blessed to know Mrs. Aronson as my guidance counselor in high school. She was so warm and kind, and I know she will be missed by so many.*

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**Morgan Roy** - January 30, 2018 at 03:35 PM