



## Donna May Chapman

January 5, 1952 - February 18, 2017

Donna May Chapman, 65, of Jasper, passed away on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Freeman Hospital in Joplin following a courageous battle with cancer. Donna was born on January 5, 1952 in Carthage. She was the daughter of Marion and Adelene (Long) Fuget. She first married Vincent E. Ashworth, with one child being born to this union. She later married the true love of her life, Jerry L. Chapman Sr. on March 11, 1972 in Carthage.

Donna attended Carthage High School. Following her marriage to Jerry, who was enlisted in the United States Air Force, they traveled to many parts of the world, eventually making their home in Jasper.

Donna worked at Con-Agra Turkey Plant, St. Luke's Nursing Home, Truman Health Care, PAR in Jasper and retired from the Carthage Wal-Mart in 2014, following 17 years of service. She was a member of the Carthage American Legion Auxiliary and enjoyed fishing, camping and bowling. Her greatest achievement in life was her family. She was extremely proud of her children, but her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her world.

Donna is survived by her husband, Jerry, of nearly 45 years, her three children: Vincent DeWayne (Kathy) Ashworth of Sheldon, Jerry Lynn (Sarah) Chapman, Jr. of Carthage and Shauna Renee Chapman (Shae) Walker of Bentonville, Arkansas. She is also survived by eight grandchildren: Chasity

Ashworth, Jonathan Ashworth, Kelsey Westerhold, Justin Hancock, Ayden Chapman, Tara Chapman, Tiffany Alvares and Samantha Walker, two great-grandchildren: Aubrey Chapman and Gabby Newman, along with numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends and a large extended family.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Dora Lee Poindexter, and two brothers, Jim Fuget and Richard Fuget.

Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 23, 2017 at Ulmer Funeral Home. Graveside service will immediately follow at 2:00 p.m. at Fellowship Cemetery, Rescue, Missouri.

Donations may be made to the Donna May Chapman Memorial Fund in care of Ulmer Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Fellowship Cemetery

Rescue, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 23. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home  
1208 S. Garrison  
Carthage, MO 64836  
(417) 358-2222  
ulmerfh@gmail.com  
<https://www.ulmerfh.com/>

## Service

FEB 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fellowship Cemetery  
Rescue, MO

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Never saw this precious woman without a smile on her face.  
Prayers to the family.*

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**Denise** - February 28, 2017 at 08:46 AM

KC

“ Mom,

*I keep thinking this is just a bad dream, it will soon be over, we'll all wake up and you'll be your ole healthy, happy self. But sadly, this is real and we're having to say good-bye to you. The day after our first date, Vincent took me to Wal-Mart to meet you. He'd already told you about me and that your first question you asked him was what color my hair was cause you didn't want him dating anymore redheads. From day one, you welcomed me and my blonde hair and opened your home and your heart up to me. More importantly, you accepted my two children as your own grandchildren, never once using step in front of it.*

*You are free from your pain and suffering, but we are still broken none the less that you had to leave us so soon. We are being selfish and didn't want you to go, we weren't finished with having you here with us. Who will we talk to when things aren't going as they should? Who will be there for us with a solid shoulder to lean on and a warm hug? It just isn't fair that you were taken from us so soon. Cancer just sucks!*

*I'll forever hold you close in my heart, as you did with me. You'll be with us all each morning when the sunrises; each evening when it sets; you'll be with us when the moon shines bright and the stars twinkle. When the rain falls, we'll try not to think of it has your tears that are falling, but rather you simply letting us know that it's ok to play in the rain to forget our troubles and your way of helping wash away our own pain and tears.*

*You know of my love for angels, and now I have my own personal one. I just want to say thank you to you for giving me one of your greatest gifts, the love of your son. You and Vincent had a very special mother/son relationship. That bond will live on forever. It simply shows what kind of mother you were and I love you so much for raising your son to be the caring man he is.*

*I love you and I'll miss your earthy body. But my pain and heartbreak is eased by knowing you'll never have pain again, no*

*more suffering, no more treatments, you're strong and walking again, have joined your family that has passed on and you're now eating at the same table with Jesus. I just hope they have LOTS of vanilla ice cream in heaven.*

*Until we meet again my dear, sweet mother-in-law, who I was so blessed to have, I love you,  
Kathy*

*P.S. Help me out with Vincent every once in a while when he needs some mom advise. He'll know it's you.*

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**Kathy Claflin-Ashworth** - February 23, 2017 at 10:37 AM

JE

“ *Donna had a beautiful soul. She was a second Mother to my son Jerry. She had a smile that would make you feel great. There will never be anyone like her, she will be missed.*

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**Jeannie Ellis** - February 22, 2017 at 11:32 AM

DS

“ *Debbie Spain lit a candle in memory of Donna May Chapman*



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**Debbie Spain** - February 20, 2017 at 08:04 PM

JM

“ We met Donna and Jerry at Fuchu AS, Japan where Jerry and Jim worked together as Security Policemen in the US Air Force. Donna and Deana met at the Kanto Mura Family Housing Annex where we lived and our children played together. We were like family! This was in 1973 and 1974 when the base was closed and we moved to Yokota Air Base, Japan. Although we didn't see each other after we left Japan, we communicated each year at Christmas ever since. We will miss you Donna, but we know you are in a better place-Rest in Peace!

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**Jim & Deana Marchand** - February 20, 2017 at 05:10 PM