



Donna Elaine Kettish

August 21, 1947 - December 22, 2020

Donna Elaine Kettish, 73, of Leesburg, FL formerly of Mckeesport, PA, died on December 22, 2020 at the Cornerstone Hospice at Orlando Regional Medical Center. Born on August 21, 1947 in Mckeesport, PA, she was the daughter of the late Edward Mattes and Viola Goodrum. She was the wife of the late Larry Kettish, to whom she was married for 48 years.

Donna worked for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services for 25 years where she was a Deputy Director. She loved traveling, gardening, and hosting frequent gatherings of family and friends. She also enjoyed being an active member of the Lake County Republican Party and the Republican Club of Plantation. She volunteered at the Mission Store for Morrison United Methodist as well as Forward Paths of Lake County.

Surviving her are her daughters Dawn (Glen) Schmidt of Galena, OH, Lori Banks of Marriottsville, MD; seven grandchildren, Garrett (Meghan), Austin, Hayden and Halle Schmidt and Laine and Lauren Banks and Madelyn (Matt) Carver; her sister Karen (Jeff) Dowd, Sister-in-law Connie Shafer, brother-in-law Joseph R. Kettish, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service has been planned for April 17th at 11 am at Morrison United Methodist Church at 1005 W Main Street Leesburg, FL 34748. We will be following COVID protocol, masks will be required. If you are

unable to join us and you would like to watch the service online it will be streamed live at watchmorrison.com. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Cornerstone Hospice at cshospice.org who treated our mother with such dignity and kindness in her transition or to the opportunity shop where she enjoyed volunteering each week at Morrison United Methodist Church 1005 W. Main Street Leesburg, FL 34748 designating the opportunity shop on the memo line.

We look forward to celebrating our mother's life with you either near or far.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Morrison United Methodist Church
1005 W. Main Street
Leesburg, FL 34748

Tribute Wall

LA

“ Thank you for everything you’ve done for me and my family, Nana
❤️ You’ll forever be in my heart and I’ll love you always.

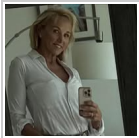
lainey - January 08, 2021 at 08:57 AM

LB

“ Nana will always be in our hearts. We were so lucky to have had her in our lives. I will never stop missing her but I am comforted knowing she is looking down at us. There are not enough words to describe how grateful I am to have had you. Thank you for everything. I miss and love you so much Nana.



Lauren Banks - January 08, 2021 at 08:39 AM



“ Reading all the comments from her friends and colleagues is so wonderful, thanks for sharing your stories. She certainly worked hard and with unmeasurable integrity. She was truly an inspiration to my girls and I. Thanks 🙏 Lori Banks

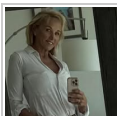
Lori Banks - January 07, 2021 at 05:20 PM

SM

“ So sad to hear of Donna's passing. I had the pleasure of working with Donna during the years prior to her CMS retirement. As many have already shared, I remember Donna's smile and laugh. She had a great sense of humor, which was often needed during the long hours and hectic days of implementing national programs. I will always fondly remember the time we worked together.

My deepest condolence to Donna's family.

Sherri McQueen - January 04, 2021 at 04:11 PM



Thanks so much - I hear stories from everyone about how they loved her. She certainly had a lot of integrity and hard work. Lori Banks

Lori Banks - January 07, 2021 at 05:14 PM

BJ

“ Almost immediately after starting my career with CMS, my supervisor assigned me to a project that Donna was leading. I knew next to nothing about what we were doing, and had to get up to speed quickly, as I was going to be asked to lead a particular aspect of the project. Donna was so patient with me...answered every question, assisted me in every tough spot, and most importantly, quelled any doubts I had in myself. Donna was a model public servant.

In many conversations we had in the 3 years we worked together, she would always talk so warmly about her family, especially her grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you, especially during this time of year.

Brian Johnson - December 31, 2020 at 03:06 PM

ST

“ I am so sorry to hear about Donna's passing. She was truly my mentor in my first ever full time position in CMS. She was so easy to talk to, comforted me whenever I needed her, shared whatever knowledge she could, and we shared many times of laughter. I regret that I didn't keep in touch as much after she retired. I clearly remember that she worked so hard and loved her family so much. I pray that God turn this time of darkness into light again and give you the strength, comfort, and healing to get through this very difficult time. Donna will forever remain in my heart and memory.

Sabrina Teferi - December 31, 2020 at 10:26 AM

NH

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Donna. Donna and I worked together at CMS on two large projects in OFM. She always carried herself with dignity and class. Even when work was not going well, Donna's smile would make everything a little bit better. Traveling to business conferences with Donna and Larry was always the best! I was proud to call Donna college and a friend. My deepest condolences to the entire Kettish family.

Neil Hoosier - December 30, 2020 at 03:00 PM

LV

“ Donna's smile is what I always will remember-whether she delivered good or bad news. She was a friend to program managers even in difficult times. She also offered her help more often than not. I am glad to have worked with her and am fortunate that I also learned a lot from her.

Lisa Vriezen - December 29, 2020 at 08:36 PM

JH

“ Many of my CMS colleagues have commented on Donna's amazing work ethic and wonderful disposition. I had the distinct pleasure of seeing it first hand for the almost 20 years that we worked together in the Accounting and Budget offices. Donna was always assigned the most difficult and complex projects, never complained, and could always be counted on to deliver a first class job. What a joy to work with. What a joyous person to know. I was proud to call Donna my friend and confidant. My deepest condolences to the entire Kettish family. May your memories of your mom and grandmother be a blessing and a source of comfort.

Jerry Hankin - December 28, 2020 at 11:36 PM

BS

“ My condolences to Donna's family. We were colleagues at CMS. She was an extraordinary, professional and kind lady who always greeted you with a warm smile. May God receive her soul upon high and grant her eternal life with Him. Amen

Brenda Sykes - December 28, 2020 at 07:37 PM

WP

“ So sorry to hear of Donna's passing. She was a real mainstay in the Office of Financial Management during my time there. My condolences to her family.

Wes Perich - December 28, 2020 at 06:30 PM

LM

“ She was a wonderful friend and neighbor for the few years that she was in my life here at the Plantation. She will be missed by many of us here.

Linda Miller - December 28, 2020 at 05:43 PM

LL

“ I am so sorry to learn of Donna's passing. We shared many long hours working together in Accounting and Budget at CMS. Donna was a gem and there wasn't anything she couldn't figure out. It's hard to understand why people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing that you were a special part of a well-lived life. Donna was one in a million.

Lillian Lehnert

Lillian Lehnert - December 28, 2020 at 03:22 PM

DM

My deepest sympathies to her family. She was a wonderful person who really cared about her work.

Debe McKeldin

Debra McKeldin - December 28, 2020 at 06:56 PM

OW

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Donna. Donna and I worked together at CMS and I often thought of her as my other mother. I learned so much from her during the early days of my career at CMS. No matter how stressful the day was she was always calm and level headed. She loved her daughters and grandchildren. I was always amazed how she would work so many hours and still have so much time for her family. She will be forever missed. I hope you can find peace in cherishing all of the wonderful memories you shared with your mother and know that she was loved by so many.

Olivia Williams - December 28, 2020 at 11:32 AM

JF

“ I came to appreciate Donna's extraordinary work ethic when she joined our CMS unit about 5 years or so before her retirement. More than that, I came to value the gift of her friendship, a friendship that extended well beyond her retirement in 2009. I will sorely miss Donna, her warm smile, and her easy laughter. May you rest in peace, my dear friend. Joan

Joan Fowler - December 28, 2020 at 11:18 AM

FB

“ Donna was a very special person with a kind heart. She was there for me when I needed to talk. I remember working late at CMS to finish assignments and would walk each other out to our cars. We questioned each other why we were doing this but the next working day we did the same thing. She loved her daughters very much and enjoyed spending time with them. She had so much love and pride for her grandchildren and their accomplishments, which she would love to talk about. My deepest sympathy goes to her family. I know she will be missed; however, I hope that the memories of her will keep her alive in their hearts and mind. My prayers are that our God will give compassion, comfort, and peace to her family knowing that she is with God and Larry the love of her life.

Faye Broseker

Faye Broseker - December 28, 2020 at 10:38 AM

LH

“ My bff (best friend forever). You always had my back and I yours. I will miss you always.



Lorraine Hubbard - December 27, 2020 at 12:41 PM

BM

“ Thinking of Donna Always brings a smile to my face. She was a nice person work with and could always laugh no matter what the circumstance. My sincere condolences.

Bill Mulligan (HCFA)

Bill Mulligan - December 26, 2020 at 05:01 PM

MH

“ Fond memories of you at HCFA. You were always at my side at the best and worst times of my life. You truly gathered Love, Peace, Friendship and a love for God. May God and his angels watch over you.

Mary Jane A Hudson - December 26, 2020 at 03:58 PM

PB

“ We were so saddened to hear of the passing of your mother, Donna. We Ushered with her at church and volunteering with her on projects at church. Our deepest sympathy!
Lowell and Pat Bond

Pat Bond - December 26, 2020 at 03:37 PM

J(

“ I am saddened to hear this. Donna was a wonderful person, colleague, and friend. A beautiful smile, patient with others (especially me) and a joy to be around. I wish her entire family peace during this sad time.

Jerry Walters (CMS) - December 25, 2020 at 03:44 PM

BP

“ *Lori & family: I just learned yesterday from a long-time CMS colleague of your Mom's passing. I am so heartily sorry as well as shocked to learn of this news. Your Mom was a wonderful person, and I greatly enjoyed working with her for so many years at CMS. Your Dad, Larry, and she were inseparable and now are together again. You all are in my earnest thoughts and prayers, as well as those of my family. May God be with you all.*

Warm regards, Brian R. Pabst (CMS)

Brian R. Pabst - December 24, 2020 at 10:27 AM

JJ

“ *Donna was a sweet lady! She was funny! I enjoyed working with her. May the family find comfort in the many memories she leaves. Be encouraged.*

*Jackie Johnson
SSA/HCFCA/CMS employee*

Jacqueline K Johnson - December 24, 2020 at 09:22 AM