



Donna Faye Murphy Crawford

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It is with great sadness that the family of Donna Faye Murphy-Crawford announces her passing on April 16, 2025 at Tacoma General Hospital. Donna has gone on to join other family members in heaven.

While her parents, Lola and Dero Murphy, were stationed with the US Army in Munich, Germany, Donna was born on February 8th 1954. After returning to the United States the family was ultimately stationed at Fort Lewis (now Joint Base Lewis-McChord) where “the Murphys” became a part of the growing number of African American military families with ties to the deep south; both parents were originally from Louisiana.

Donna, along with her 6 siblings, lived on Fort Lewis until her father’s retirement. Upon retirement the family transitioned to Lakewood, WA where Donna attended grade school, middle school and graduated from Lakes High School class of 1972. Donna met Willie E. Crawford Jr. when she attended Jason Lee Junior High School for a short time and they continued to date through high school eventually marrying and having three children; Deitra, Willie III, and Jason.

After high school she attended college at both Western Washington University and the University of Washington. She began a 25-year career with Pacific Northwest Bell, eventually retiring from Qwest Communications retiring as a Manager.

Donna achieved many pursuits. She was an exceptional student and was a competitive athlete. She was a great card player and would let you know loudly when she ran a “Boston” in Bid Whist. She loved listening to music, reading and watching mysteries and meeting new people. Later in life, Donna loved game shows like the Price is Right, Wheel of Fortune and more recently Bingo. More than anything, Donna had the gift of gab and could make anyone feel comfortable with her great stories, jokes and love of life. She was a real social butterfly who enjoyed the company of others.



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In 2012 Donna was diagnosed with Colon Cancer and with treatment was successfully treated for the disease. She was so grateful for her life after her cancer treatment and lived it to the fullest. In late March 2025 Donna fell ill and was later diagnosed with a late-stage cancer. She passed away on April 16th 2025 peacefully with family surrounding her.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents Lola and Dero Murphy; sisters Annie Blackwell (Sonny) and Ivy Murphy and her brother William Murphy (Carmen). She leaves behind her husband of over 40 years Willie Crawford Jr, daughter Deitra (Darrell), sons Willie III (Christina) and Jason (Tara); and her beloved grandchildren.

She also leaves behind her brothers Ron Murphy (Sylvia), Michael Murphy (Debbie), Sister Dorothea Murphy; Sister-in-Law Carmen Murphy and Brother-in-Law James (Sonny) Blackwell as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and very close extended family and friends.




Events

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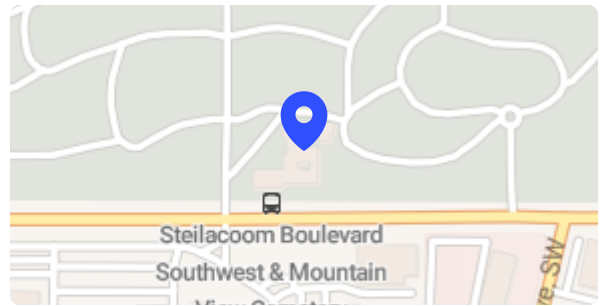
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Celebration of Life


 **Friday, May 16, 2025**

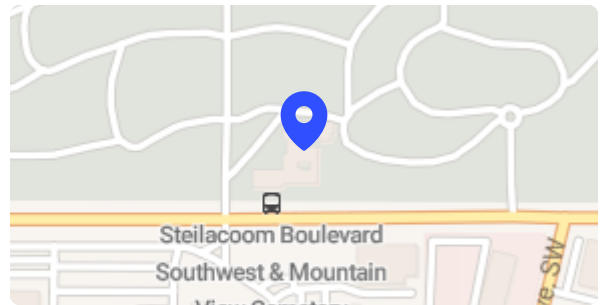
 1:00 PM PT

 **Mountain View Valley Chapel**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA



Cemetery Details

 **Mountain View Memorial Park**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA 98499





Tribute Wall

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Mountain View Funeral Home, Memorial Park & Crematory shared a **Webcast Video**.



May 10 at 2:37 PM



Gwendolyn T. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Donna.



May 17 at 3:33 AM



Dorothea Murphy shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Where to start has been the hardest part of this post. There are too many memories, too many good times, too many arguments, too much laughter, too many tears, and so much LOVE shared, that I can't accurately capture it here. What I will share is the most important thing. To have a sister that is a loyal protector and the kind of friend that you can depend on no matter what, is a blessing beyond measure. The loss of Donna leaves a hole in my heart and a void in my life. I am forever grateful that we spent so much time together. We never ran out of things to talk and laugh about. We were never bored with each other's company, and we always had fun! I will always treasure these memories. If you are blessed to have someone in your life like this today, know that this gift isn't given to everyone. Make sure that person knows how special they are to you. Donna, you are one of a kind. There will never be a day that I don't think about you and remember how special you are to me. Thank you for being a wonderful sister! All my love.

May 6 at 10:07 PM



Deborrah M. Murphy planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donna.



May 15 at 7:18 PM



Deborrah M. Murphy sent a Serene Retreat to the Crawford family.



May 15 at 7:18 PM



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Deborrah Murphy posted:

Donna will always be my beautiful baby sister-in-law in my heart. She was dear to me. I keep my picture of her and Willy at their prom out in my memories room. Donna gave it to me because I made the dress she was wearing. She was a beautiful girl and a loving, funny and bright woman. I'll miss her in this world. My condolences to the Murphy & Crawford family. You have all suffered such loss.

May 15 at 7:04 PM



Patricia R. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donna.



May 15 at 12:04 PM



Anonymous sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Crawford family.



May 15 at 10:51 AM



Dale Golder shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Fond memories of our Ft.Lewis, Lakewood & Lakes High School Murphy family. Losing someone so dear leaves a space nothing else can fill💔 I know her memory will be eternal!!Prayers for comfort and strength in the days weeks, months and years to come 🙏



May 14 at 5:24 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Crawford family.



May 13 at 6:46 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donna.



May 13 at 6:46 PM



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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Crawford family.

May 13 at 3:20 PM



The Martin Family sent an Arrive in Style to the Crawford family.

May 13 at 9:52 AM



Christopher M. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donna.

May 13 at 9:45 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donna.

May 11 at 7:55 PM



Anonymous sent a Rays of Light Spray to the Crawford family.

May 11 at 7:55 PM



The Coleman & Sheegog Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donna.

May 11 at 4:45 PM





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The Coleman & Sheegog Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Crawford family.



May 11 at 4:45 PM



Cynjea Sexton posted:

I met Donna during my first visit to Tacoma in August 1971. I was staying with my Aunt Ella and my cousin, Willie, before starting classes at the University of Washington. Donna had a beautiful smile and spirit. She was one of the most friendly, warm-hearted and fun-loving person I ever met. We knew each other for many years and I will always treasure the laughter we shared. I remember her always saying she was going to marry my cousin Willie and she did. Donna DID know best!! It's so hard to say goodbye and I am going to miss her so much. Be At Peace.Your California Cousin,Cynthia Sexton

May 10 at 5:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Crawford family.



May 7 at 4:33 PM



Kiyona Stevens shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Such an amazing and beautiful person. Her smile and kindhearted nature brightened any room. This picture is from Mother's Day 2024. A memory amongst many others that I'll cherish. She will truly be missed. Deepest condolences, Crawford family. Sending love.



May 6 at 10:07 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donna by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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