



## Donna Jean Maynard

July 25, 1938 - January 19, 2024

Donna Jean Maynard, a beloved resident of Albertville, peacefully passed away on Friday, January 19, 2024, at the age of 85, surrounded by loved ones at her residence. Born on July 25, 1938, to the late Samuel Collier and Mary Griffin, Donna's life was characterized by dedication to education, coaching, and a profound love for her family.

Donna graduated from Crossville High School in 1956 and went on to pursue higher education at Jacksonville State University, earning a Master's degree in Physical Education. Her passion for teaching led her to a remarkable career spanning over 28 years, where she touched the lives of countless students. During her tenure, Donna not only imparted knowledge but also coached various sports including track, volleyball, softball, and served as a cheerleader sponsor. A devout member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Donna found solace and community in her faith.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and care through her children: James Stacey Maynard, Mitzi Rae Gibbs, Chad Dustey Maynard, and Jacob Myles Maynard. Donna's role as a grandmother was cherished by her grandchildren – Storm (Destiny) Maynard, Dalton (Fendi) Maynard, Bailey (John Tyler) Green, Chloe Clarkson, Haley Gibbs, Hunter Gibbs, and Misty Gibbs (Brandon Echols). Her great-grandchildren, Bransyn Gibbs, Hayden Clough, Braelynn Gibbs, Everly Truett, Carter Maynard, Vanessa Rose Maynard, Julian Vega, John Vega, Ava Jones, Bryson Maynard, Finley Green, Madi Echols and McKenzie Echols, were a source of joy and pride. Known

affectionately as Momma Donna and Dee Dee by her grandchildren, Donna's love for her family was evident in every aspect of her life.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James H. "Sonny" Maynard, and her grandson, Bryar Maynard.

A funeral service to celebrate Donna's life will be held at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at Adams Brown Service Funeral Home, with Bro. Willis Kelly and Bro. Lonnie Craft officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service starting at 12:00 pm at the funeral home. The honor of assisting Donna Maynard to her final resting place at Memory Hill Cemetery will be bestowed upon Dalton Maynard, Storm Maynard, Hunter Gibbs, Chris Gibson, Troy Teal, and Tylar Daniel.

In remembrance of Donna Maynard, her family asks that friends and loved ones join them in reflecting on a life well-lived, full of love, compassion, and a lasting impact on those fortunate enough to have known her.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Hill Cemetery

5975 US Highway 431  
Albertville, AL 35950

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 23. 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Adams Brown Service Funeral Home  
6906 US Highway 431 South  
P.O. Box 488  
Albertville, AL 35950  
(256) 878-0231

## Funeral Service

JAN 23. 2:30 PM (CT)

Adams Brown Service Funeral Home  
6906 US Highway 431 South  
P.O. Box 488  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Adams Brown Service Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Jean Maynard*



**Adams Brown Service Funeral Home** - January 23, 2024 at 08:57 AM

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*Ms Maynard,,well she was the BEST OF EVERYTHING,,,,her and Ms Moore were unstoppable!!!best yrs of my life spent in school is having a wonderful mentor,,she will always hold a special place in my heart and life,!ROCK ON MS MAYNARD ,,JAMES IS WAITING FOR YOU WITH A BIG SMILE!!!! LOVE YOU FOREVER!!THANKS FIE AKK THE GOID TIMES AND MEMORIES,,RIP*

**Cindy (Childress)Mitchell** - July 19, 2024 at 01:41 PM

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*Donna Jean was my dad's first cousin. I remember her as smart, talented and beautiful. I am so sorry for her family's loss.*

**Jan Moon Chubb** - August 11, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Adams Brown Service Funeral Home - January 23, 2024 at 08:51 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Maynard.



January 21, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray* was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Maynard.



January 21, 2024 at 08:07 PM



“ *Great memories, she was my gym teacher at Albertville High School. She is surely going to be missed. Rip sweet lady.*

Judy Lynn Albert Thacker - January 21, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Maynard.*



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January 21, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ *I absolutely loved her so much!! She was the best teacher ever!! She will be missed!! Prayers for her family 🙏🙏*



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**Belinda Stanford** - January 21, 2024 at 10:45 AM



“ *Mrs. Maynard was one if the best teachers I had. What she and Mrs. Moore taught all of their students have carried on to each of our kids. Mrs. Maynard was a very devoted teacher and mentor. Her memory will be cherished a lifetime.*

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**Shelley Simmons** - January 20, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ *I was one of Mrs. Maynard's PE students 1977-1980. She was so sweet and welcoming to those of us that came to AHS from Asbury. I had the privilege to keep the books for the Volleyball team and loved to watch her coach! Prayers and condolences to the family and Mitzi!*

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**Leasha Kirby Laster** - January 20, 2024 at 07:26 PM

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“ *Diane Benefield lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Maynard*



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**diane benefield** - January 20, 2024 at 07:24 PM

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“ *Angie Grice Brogdon lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Maynard*



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**Angie Grice Brogdon** - January 20, 2024 at 04:19 PM

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“ *Stacey and Mitzi, I hate to hear the news of Ms. Donna. She was my favorite P.E. teacher. She was always carrying, living to her students. She always spoke first when I saw her. Thoughts and prayers for the family.*

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**Angie Grice Brogdon** - January 20, 2024 at 04:18 PM